

Terms of Reference Record of Consultation

**South Landfill Phase 2 Environmental
Assessment**



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1. Introduction

This document describes the consultation activities carried out by Walker Environmental Group (Walker) during preparation of the proposed South Landfill Phase 2 Environmental Assessment (EA) Terms of Reference and the results of those consultation activities. The Terms of Reference sets out the proposed framework that will be followed during the preparation of the EA to satisfy the applicable requirements of the *Environmental Assessment Act (EA Act)*. For proposed “undertakings” in the Province of Ontario that are subject to the *EA Act*, a Terms of Reference is the first step of a two-step approval process. A Terms of Reference is a document prepared by a proponent that sets out the framework or work plan for the planning and decision-making process to be followed during preparation of the EA. A Terms of Reference is submitted to the Ontario Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (Minister) for approval.

If the Terms of Reference is approved by the Minister, the preparation of the EA follows as the second step of the *EA Act* approvals process. The EA must be prepared in accordance with the approved Terms of Reference.

Section 5.1 of the *EA Act* states that consultation with “such persons as may be interested” should take place during the preparation of the Terms of Reference. Based on this expectation, a Consultation Program for the Terms of Reference was prepared in accordance with the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks’ (MECP’s) “Code of Practice for Consultation in Ontario’s Environmental Assessment Process” (January 2014), and “Code of Practice for Preparing and Reviewing Terms of Reference for Environmental Assessments in Ontario” (January 2014). The Consultation Program established a number of principles and objectives that were followed during the Terms of Reference preparation process with the interested persons (see **Section 2**).

Interested persons included review agencies, Indigenous communities, and the public (see **Section 3**). All interested persons were engaged through a number of consultation activities held during the various phases of the Terms of Reference preparation process. **Section 4** summarizes these activities. Comments received in response to the consultation activities and how they were considered during preparation of the Terms of Reference are provided in **Section 5**.

In accordance with the MECP’s “Code of Practice for Preparing and Reviewing Terms of Reference for Environmental Assessments in Ontario” (January 2014), this Record of Consultation is provided as a stand-alone document to accompany the proposed EA Terms of Reference as part of Walker Environmental Group Inc.’s (Walker’s) submission to the Minister for review and approval.

2. Consultation Principles and Objectives

As a 5th generation family-owned company, Walker is committed to meaningful and effective engagement and consultation. A program for consulting with interested persons was developed as part of initiating the Terms of Reference process in accordance with MECP’s Code of Practice¹. At the outset, 4 consultation principles were established as part of developing the program:

1. Timeliness – Engage early and often
2. Flexibility – Accommodate the changing needs of participants and issues that may arise
3. Inclusiveness – Engage widely by offering multiple consultation opportunities through a variety of consultation forums
4. Transparency – Opportunities to participate in consultation activities will be communicated through multiple communication channels, and the results of consultation will be clearly documented

¹ Section 5 “Preparation of a Terms of Reference”, page 21 of the MECP’s Code of Practice for “Consultation in Ontario’s Environmental Assessment Process”

With these four overarching principles in mind, four objectives were developed for the Consultation Program that were carried throughout the consultation process:

1. Generate awareness of the Project and EA process while creating opportunities for participation throughout the EA process within the surrounding community
2. Facilitate constructive input from consultation participants prior to key decision-making milestones in the EA process
3. Provide ongoing opportunities for feedback and input, and for issues and concerns to be raised, discussed, and resolved to the extent possible
4. Document input received through the consultation process and demonstrated the impact of consultation on decision-making

3. Interested Persons

During the preparation of the Terms of Reference and as part of the Notice of Commencement, the Government Review Team, Indigenous communities, and the public were identified as having a potential interest in the project. The preliminary contact list for the project was developed using a variety of methods, such as utilizing Walker’s existing contact database for its Niagara Resource Management Campus and through guidance from the MECP. The following groups were included in the list:

- Government Review Team, which includes federal ministries and departments, provincial ministries, municipalities, Conservation Authorities, emergency services, school boards, and utilities, etc.
- Indigenous communities and agencies
- Public members, including local residents and businesses within the vicinity of the project, community partners and associations, and local elected officials

The contact list continues to be updated to reflect any requested or required additions, modifications, or removal of interested persons. A complete project contact list is included in **Appendix A**.

3.1 Review Agencies

The following 35 review agencies (federal, provincial, regional and local) were contacted during the preparation of the Terms of Reference:

Table 3.1 Review agencies consulted

Review Agency	
Municipal – Upper tier	Municipal – Lower tier
Regional Municipality of Niagara	City of Niagara Falls
Niagara Regional Police Service	Niagara Falls Fire Department
Niagara Region Public Health and Emergency Services	City of Thorold
	Thorold Fire and Emergency Services
	City of St. Catharines
	Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake

Review Agency	
Regional	
School Boards: District School Board of Niagara (DSBN) Niagara Catholic District School Board (NCDSB) Conseil scolaire Viamonde Conseil scolaire du district catholique centre-sud	Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority (NPCA)
Provincial	
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation, and Parks (MECP)	Ministry of Mines
Ministry of Indigenous Affairs	Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH)
Ministry of Agriculture, Food & Rural Affairs (OMAFRA)	Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF)
Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism (MCM)	Ministry of the Solicitor General
Ministry of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade	Ministry of Transportation (MTO)
Ministry of Energy	Niagara Escarpment Commission (NEC)
Federal	
Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC)	Canadian National Railway
Great Lakes St. Lawrence Seaway	Transport Canada
Non-government & Other	
Brock University	TC Energy
Niagara College	

3.2 Indigenous Communities and Agencies

On November 21, 2023, the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks provided Walker with formal written communication delegating procedural aspects of Indigenous consultation for this EA. Based on this guidance, the following two (2) Indigenous communities and agencies were contacted to inform them of the project, to discuss engagement and consultation expectations and to begin gathering initial feedback on the project:

- Six Nations of the Grand River
 - Elected Council
 - Haudenosaunee Confederacy Chiefs Council (as represented by Haudenosaunee Development Institute [HDI])
- Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation

Additionally, given Walker's long-standing relationships the Niagara Region Métis Council and Niagara Region Native Centre, Walker communicated the announcement of the project and sought their input.

3.3 Public

In addition to review agencies and Indigenous communities, the public was contacted during preparation of the Terms of Reference. There are approximately 575 public members included in the project contact database. The public contact list is comprised of the following groups:

- Local residents within approximately 3 kilometres of Walker's Niagara Resource Management Campus
- Individuals that directly requested to be on the project contact list
- Local businesses, community partners, and associations

- Elected members of Federal and Provincial Parliament for Niagara West, Niagara Centre, Niagara Falls, and St. Catharines

A complete list is included in **Appendix A**.

4. Consultation Activities During Preparation of the Terms of Reference

A number of consultation activities took place with review agencies, Indigenous communities and agencies, and the public during development of the Terms of Reference. The consultation activities specific to review agencies, Indigenous communities and the public is described in the following subsections.

4.1 Review Agencies

A number of consultation activities took place with review agencies throughout the Terms of Reference process, including the following:

- Distribution of Notice of Commencement and Open House #1
- Media publications regarding the Notice of Commencement and Open House #1
- Draft Terms of Reference release notification email
- Project website, email, and telephone number
- Two Government Review Team Meetings (included 4 sessions)
- Individual meetings
- Notice of Submission of Terms of Reference

A summary of these consultation activities is provided below.

4.1.1 Notice of Commencement and Public Open House

A Notice of Commencement and Public Open House was issued on November 30, 2023, to formally announce the start of the EA Terms of Reference process. It was provided to review agencies listed in **Section 3.1** by email on November 30, 2023. A copy of the Notice of Commencement and Open House is included in **Appendix B**. Copies of the emails sent to review agencies are included in **Appendix C**.

4.1.2 Government Review Team Meetings

A Government Review Team (GRT) was established during preparation of the Terms of Reference to provide a forum for in-depth discussion of project issues with agencies having regulatory authority and representatives from local municipalities. As a result, the GRT ensures that the Project Team has effectively engaged with the various levels of government responsible for commenting on the EA.

To date, two GRT meetings have taken place, with each meeting offering two sessions. The two sessions for GRT Meeting #1 were held on December 19, 2023, and December 20, 2023. The purpose of these sessions was to provide background on the EA, to provide an overview of the EA process and development of the Terms of Reference, and to discuss key issues of interest to the GRT members. Session 1 was attended by 13 members from 6 review agencies and Session 2 was attended by 6 members from 3 review agencies.

GRT Meeting #2 sessions were held on March 26, 2024, and March 27, 2024. The intent of Meeting #2 was to provide an overview of the draft Terms of Reference and supporting documents (publicly released March 7, 2024), review the

role of the GRT, discuss next steps in the EA process, and answer questions. Session 1 was attended by 12 members from 3 review agencies and Session 2 was attended by 4 members from 2 review agencies.

Meeting notes are included in **Appendix D**.

4.1.3 Notification of the Draft Terms of Reference

On March 7, 2024, the GRT was notified of the release of the draft Terms of Reference for public review and comment via email correspondence. Digital links to copies of the draft Terms of Reference and Supporting Document were provided. The review agencies contacted are included in Section 3.1. A copy of the emails sent to review agencies can be found in **Appendix C**.

4.1.4 Individual Meetings with Review Agencies

In addition to the Government Review Team meetings discussed in **Section 4.1.2**, individual meetings were held with review agencies on an as-needed basis to discuss the project. Specifically, individual meetings were held with the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, Niagara Region, the City of Niagara Falls, the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake, the City of St. Catharines, and the City of Thorold. **Table 4.1** provides a summary of the meetings held with these review agencies.

Table 4.1 Summary of individual meetings held with review agencies

Review Agency	Meeting Date & Method	Attendees & Purpose
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks	October 10, 2023 / In-Person	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Environmental Assessment Branch – Pre-consultation meeting to discuss South Landfill Phase 2 project
	November 14, 2023 / Virtual	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Environmental Assessment Branch – Pre-consultation meeting – Introductions – Provide overview of Walker and South Landfill Phase 2 project – Review EA process and timelines – Discuss Indigenous Engagement
	November 21, 2023 / In-Person	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Niagara District Office – Pre-consultation meeting – Introductions – Provide overview of Walker and South Landfill Phase 2 project
	December 1, 2023 / Phone Call	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Environmental Assessment Branch – Provided summary of Notice of Commencement outreach activities – Provided update on feedback received to date
	February 12, 2024 / Virtual	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Environmental Assessment Branch – Provide update on engagement and consultation activities, and feedback received from review agencies, Indigenous Communities, and public – Discuss EA timelines
	May 7, 2024 / Virtual	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Environmental Assessment Branch – Overview of comments received on the Draft ToR

Review Agency	Meeting Date & Method	Attendees & Purpose
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Review and discussion of comments received from MECP – Discussion of next steps and timelines for updates to the ToR and final submission
	June 3, 2024 / Virtual	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Environmental Assessment Branch – Review and discussion of MECP comments received on the Draft ToR regarding the ‘Need’
Niagara Region	December 18, 2023 / In-Person	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Planning Staff – Provide overview of Walker and South Landfill Phase 2 project – EA process
	February 9, 2024 / In-Person	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Follow-up on items from December 18, 2023, meeting – Provide consultation and engagement update – Discuss key project milestones and municipal review process – Discuss Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority consultation
City of Niagara Falls	December 18, 2023 / In-Person	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Planning Staff – Provide overview of Walker and South Landfill Phase 2 project – Review EA process
	February 23, 2024 / Virtual	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Planning Staff – Follow-up on items from December 18, 2023, meeting – Provide consultation and engagement update – Discuss key project milestones and municipal review process
Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake	February 1, 2024 / In-Person	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Planning Staff – Provide overview of Walker and South Landfill Phase 2 project – Review EA process
	May 22, 2024 / In-Person	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Planning, Senior Leadership Staff & Council members – Tour of Walker Resource Management Campus for NOTL Staff and Council – Discussion on EA process
City of St. Catharines	February 6, 2024 / In-Person	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Planning and Senior Leadership Staff – Provide overview of Walker and South Landfill Phase 2 project – Review EA process – Tour of Walker’s Niagara Resource Management Campus
The District School Board of Niagara’s Walker Living Campus	February 9, 2024 / In-Person	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Walker Living Campus Staff – Provide overview of Walker and South Landfill Phase 2 project – Review EA process – Environmental education collaboration

Review Agency	Meeting Date & Method	Attendees & Purpose
City of Thorold	March 15, 2024 / In-Person	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Planning Staff – Provide overview of Walker and South Landfill Phase 2 project – Discussed EA process – Tour of Walker’s Niagara Resource Management Campus
	April 5, 2024 / Virtual	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Thorold Environment Climate Change & Biodiversity Advisory Committee – Introduction to Walker Resource Management Campus & South Landfill Phase 2 project – Landfill vs Incineration discussion – EA Process & Required Approvals
Niagara College	March 19, 2024 / In-Person	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Senior Leadership & Environmental Programming Leads – Provide overview of Walker and South Landfill Phase 2 project – Review EA process – Discuss opportunities for further Walker and Niagara College collaboration

Summaries of these meetings are included in **Appendix D**.

4.1.5 Terms of Reference Update

On June 10 and June 14, 2024, emails were sent to all GRT members who provided comments on the draft Terms of Reference. These emails included comment responses from Walker and indicated updates made to the Terms of Reference as a result of the feedback received. A copy of the emails sent to the GRT members can be found in **Appendix C**.

4.1.6 Notification of the Terms of Reference Submission Date

All GRT members will have been notified of the Terms of Reference submission date prior to June 28, 2024 via email. A copy of the Notice of Submission of Terms of Reference can be found in **Appendix K**.

4.2 Indigenous Communities and Agencies

A number of consultation activities were undertaken with Indigenous communities throughout the Terms of Reference process, including the following:

- Distribution of Notice of Commencement and Open House #1
- Draft Terms of Reference release notification email
- Project website, email, and telephone number
- Individual meetings
- Notice of Submission of Terms of Reference

A summary of these consultation activities is provided below.

4.2.1 Notice of Commencement and Open House #1

A Notice of Commencement and Public Open House was issued on November 30, 2023, to formally announce the start of the EA Terms of Reference process. It was provided to Indigenous communities and agencies listed in

Section 3.2 by email on November 30, 2023. A copy of the Notice of Commencement and Open House is included in **Appendix B**. Copies of the emails sent to Indigenous communities and agencies are included in **Appendix E**.

Recognizing the distance of Open House #1 from Indigenous communities, Walker conducted additional outreach offering individual meetings to review the content presented at the event and to provide a forum for initial feedback on the project. Individual meetings held with Indigenous communities and agencies are summarized in **Section 4.2.3**.

4.2.2 Notification of the Draft Terms of Reference

On March 7, 2024, Indigenous communities and agencies listed in **Section 3.2** were notified of the availability of the draft Terms of Reference for review and comment via email. Digital links to copies of the draft Terms of Reference and Supporting Document were provided. Copies of the emails sent to Indigenous communities and agencies are included in **Appendix E**.

4.2.3 Individual Meetings with Indigenous Communities and Agencies

Individual meetings with Indigenous communities and agencies were offered at the onset of the EA process and at/prior to key milestones. **Table 4.2** provides a summary of the meetings held with Indigenous communities and agencies.

Table 4.2 Summary of individual meetings held with Indigenous communities and agencies

Indigenous Community/Agency	Meeting Date & Method	Attendees & Purpose
Six Nations of the Grand River – Elected Council	January 16, 2024 / In-Person	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Consultation and Accommodation Process Staff – Provide overview of Walker and South Landfill Phase 2 project – Review EA and approvals process – Discuss engagement and consultation
	February 7, 2024 / In-Person	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Follow-up on items from January 16, 2024, meeting – Provide update on EA timelines – Discuss consultation, engagement and accommodation
Mississaugas of the Credit First Nations	March 18, 2024 / In-Person	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Department of Consultation and Accommodation Staff – Provide overview of Walker and South Landfill Phase 2 project – Review EA and approvals process – Discuss engagement and consultation
Niagara Region Métis Council	April 12, 2024 / Phone Call	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Council member – Overview of EA Process & Timing – Discussion on consultation relating to South Landfill Phase 2 EA – Discussion on community investment opportunities
	May 30, 2024 / In-Person	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Update on the EA/ToR – Discussion on community investment opportunities

Summaries of these meetings are included in **Appendix F**.

4.2.4 Terms of Reference Update

On June 17, 2024, emails were sent to Indigenous communities and agencies who provided comments on the draft Terms of Reference. These emails included comment responses from Walker and indicated updates made to the Terms of Reference as a result of the feedback received. A copy of the emails sent to Indigenous communities and agencies can be found in **Appendix E**.

4.2.5 Notification of the Terms of Reference Submission Date

All Indigenous communities and agencies will be notified of the Terms of Reference submission date prior to June 28, 2024, via email. A copy of the Notice of Submission of Terms of Reference can be found in **Appendix K**.

4.3 Public

A number of consultation activities were undertaken with members of the public throughout the Terms of Reference process, including the following:

- Distribution of Notice of Commencement and Open House #1
- Media publications regarding the Notice of Commencement and Open House #1
- Open House #1
- Draft Terms of Reference release notification
- Project website, email, and telephone number
- Individual meetings
- Campus operations bi-annual (Spring & Fall) newsletter with EA updates
- Letters provided to Walker in support of the Project (a sample of these letters is provided in **Appendix G**)
- Notice of Submission of Terms of Reference

A summary of these consultation activities is provided below.

4.3.1 Notice of Commencement and Public Open House

A Notice of Commencement and Public Open House was issued on November 30, 2023, to formally announce the start of the EA Terms of Reference process. It was provided to members of the public listed in **Section 3.3** by mail and email on November 30, 2023, and placed as an advertisement in the Niagara Falls Review (Niagara Falls), The Lake Report (Niagara-on-the-Lake), The Standard (St. Catharines), and the Welland Tribune (Welland). A copy of the Notice of Commencement and Open House is included in **Appendix B**. A copy of the mailout and emails sent to the public are included in **Appendix G**.

4.3.2 South Landfill Phase 2 Website, Email Address, and Toll-free Phone Number

The project-specific website, email address, and toll-free number were made available beginning on November 30, 2023, the same day the Notice of Commencement was issued.

Project specific website: southlandfillphase2.com

Email address: info@southlandfillphase2.com

Toll-free number: 1-866-699-9425

The Project website was established to provide interested persons with the most up-to-date information about the project, including project notifications, invitations to upcoming consultation activities, documentation related to the project, and a subscribe function to be added to the project contact list.

In addition, interested persons were, and continue to be, welcome to contact the project team directly by emailing the project email address, or by leaving a voicemail on the toll-free phone number. The project team monitors the email and telephone and responds to inquiries within 48 hours. Email and calls to other existing Walker addresses and phone numbers are directed to the project team and similarly responded to and documented.

4.3.3 Open House #1

A public engagement event, held in the form of a Public Open House, took place on December 14, 2023, from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Club Italia (2525 Montrose Road, Niagara Falls, approximately 2 km from the Walker Campus). The purpose of the Open House was to provide an opportunity for interested persons to learn about the proposed Project, and EA process, meet the project team, ask questions, and provide comments for consideration during preparation of the Terms of Reference.

This Open House also provided a chance to introduce Walker and its existing operations at the Campus to those who may not have been familiar with the company and Project site.

The in-person Open House was complemented by a virtual, self-guided open house available December 15, 2023, through to January 15, 2024, on the Project website. The virtual open house included a comment submission function which was available for the duration of the virtual open house period noted above.

A summary of event materials and content presented, and feedback received at Open House #1 have been incorporated into the Open House #1 Summary Report in **Appendix I**.

4.3.4 Notification of the Draft Terms of Reference

On March 7, 2024, members of the public listed in **Section 3.3** were notified of the availability of the draft Terms of Reference for public review and comment via mail and email. Digital links to copies of the draft Terms of Reference and Supporting Document were provided. A copy of the mailed letter and emails sent to the public are included in **Appendix G**.

4.3.5 Individual Meetings with Members of the Public

The Project team made themselves available for individual meetings with members of the public to further discuss the project, answer questions, and address concerns. **Table 4.3** provides a summary of meetings held with the public during the preparation of the Terms of Reference.

Table 4.3 Summary of individual meetings held with the public

Public Stakeholder/Groups	Meeting Date & Method	Attendees & Purpose
Royal Niagara Golf Club	January 31, 2024 / In-Person	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Staff – Provide overview of Walker and South Landfill Phase 2 project – Review EA process
Member of the Public	February 5, 2024 / Phone Call	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Follow-up call on conversation from Open House – Property drainage concerns and follow-up
Greater Niagara Chamber of Commerce	February 8, 2024 / In-Person	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Staff – Provide overview of Walker and South Landfill Phase 2 project – Review EA process
Member of the Public	March 12, 2024 / In-Person	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Provide an overview of the Terms of Reference

Public Stakeholder/Groups	Meeting Date & Method	Attendees & Purpose
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Review the EA process – Discussed interest in participating in EA Community Liaison Committee (CLC)
Hospitality Resorts Inc	March 28, 2024/In-Person	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Consultant/Agent – Provide overview of Walker and South Landfill Phase 2 project – Review EA process
Member of the Public	April 15, 2024 / Phone Call	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Answered questions about the Terms of Reference and the EA process overall – Interest in attending future public meetings
Member of the Public	April 22, 2024 / Phone Call	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Concern about property value impact as a result of the South Landfill Phase 2 – Discussed EA process, timelines and past examples (Phase 1 EA and impact mitigation/management)
Niagara Federation of Agriculture	May 8, 2024 / In-Person	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Board of Directors – Provide overview of Walker and South Landfill Phase 2 project – Review EA process
Niagara Resource Management Campus Public Liaison Committee (PLC)	May 28, 2024 / In-Person	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Discuss existing Campus operations – Provide an update on the South Landfill Phase 2 EA process – specifically, the status of the Terms of Reference

4.3.6 Terms of Reference Update

In May 2024, a bi-annual Campus operations newsletter was distributed to over 500 local residents and businesses within approximately 3 kilometers of Walker’s Resource Management Campus, which included an update on the status of South Landfill Phase 2’s Terms of Reference. This update was also communicated in a Public Liaison Committee meeting held for existing Campus operations on May 28, 2024 at Walker’s Headquarters in Niagara Falls. A copy of the newsletter and presentation can be found in **Appendix H**.

4.3.7 Notification of the Terms of Reference Submission Date

Members of the public identified in Section 3.3 will be notified of the Terms of Reference submission date prior to June 28, 2024 via email and mail, and through advertisements placed in the Niagara Falls Review (Niagara Falls), The Lake Report (Niagara-on-the-Lake), and The Standard (St. Catharines). A copy of the Notice of Submission of Terms of Reference can be found in **Appendix K**.

Physical copies of the Terms of Reference and supporting documents will be made available for public inspection at the following locations:

- Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
Client Services and Permissions Branch
135 St. Clair Ave W, 1st Floor, Toronto, ON M4V 1P5

- Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
Niagara District Office
301 St. Paul St., 9th Floor, St. Catharines, ON L2R 3M8
- Niagara Falls Public Library
4848 Victoria Ave, Niagara Falls, ON L2E 4C5
- Walker Head Office
2800 Thorold Towline Rd, Niagara Falls, ON L2E 6S4

4.3.8 Media Relations

A media kit, including a media release and project material, was prepared for the Notice of Commencement and Open House #1 and issued to media outlets on November 30, 2023. In total, three (3) articles related to the Project were published in local print media:

- Forsyth, P. “Walker Industries seeks public input on landfill expansion plan in Niagara Falls.” Niagara This Week, December 4, 2023.
- Hardaker, S. “Approval sought for new landfill near Glendale.” Niagara Now, December 13, 2023.
- ThoroldToday Staff. “Walker Industries hosts public open house regarding South Landfill.” ThoroldToday, November 30, 2023.

Additionally, a live radio interview took place with Darren Fry, Project Director for the South Landfill Phase 2 EA on NewsTalk 610 CKTB on December 5, 2023. The interview can be accessed at the following [link](#).

A media kit, including a media release and project material, was prepared for the Notice of Submission and will be issued to media outlets on June 25, 2024.

Appendix J provides a copy of the media release and clippings of the articles.

5. Comments Received and Their Consideration in the Terms of Reference

The preceding consultation activities resulted in a range of comments being received from the involved review agencies, Indigenous communities, and the public. Comments were received through letters, emails, telephone calls, submissions on the project website and at meetings.

The comments received and issues raised and how they have been considered by Walker during preparation of the Terms of Reference are summarized in three separate tables in accordance with Section 5.3.1 of the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change’s “Code of Practice for Preparing and Review Terms of Reference for Environmental Assessments in Ontario” (January 2014).

Table 5.1 summarizes the comments received from review agencies and how they were considered by Walker. In addition, **Table 5.1** summarizes the correspondence sent by Walker to each review agency. Comments have been arranged by review agency. Copies of correspondence from review agencies are contained in **Appendix C**.

Table 5.2 summarizes the comments received from Indigenous communities and how they were considered by Walker. In addition, **Table 5.2** summarizes the correspondence sent by Walker to each Indigenous community. Comments have been arranged by community. A copy of the correspondence received from Indigenous communities as well as copies of the correspondence sent to each Indigenous community is contained in **Appendix E**.

Table 5.3 summarizes the comments received from the public and how they were considered by Walker. As required by Section 5.3.1 of the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change’s “Code of Practice for Preparing and Reviewing Terms of Reference for Environmental Assessments in Ontario” (January 2014), **Table 5.3** groups the

comments received by issue type along with how they have been considered in preparing the Proposed Terms of Reference. Copies of written correspondence received from the public are included in **Appendix G**.

Table 5.1 Summary of comments received from review agencies and their consideration

Review Agency	Contact Name	Comment Date	Method	Comments from Review Agency	Walker Response	Response Date	Method	
Federal Departments and Agencies								
Environment and Climate Change Canada, Canadian National Railway	Walker provided the Notice of ToR Commencement and Open House on November 30, 2023, via an email w/letter attached.						November 30, 2023	Email
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Great Lakes St. Lawrence Seaway	Walker provided the Notice of ToR Commencement and Open House on November 30, 2023, via an email w/letter attached.						November 30, 2023	Email
	Walker sent invitation to GRT Meeting #1 via email on December 6, 2023.						December 6, 2023	Email
	Walker sent summary notes for GRT Meeting #1 to all GRT members via email on January 8, 2024.						January 8, 2024	Email
	Cassie Kelly	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.		I am writing to ask whether the St. Lawrence Seaway Management Corporation has any questions about the South Landfill Phase 2 Environmental Assessment at this time and if you would like to schedule a meeting with Walker – either virtually or in person – to discuss the project, given you were unable to attend the first Government Review Team meeting sessions in December. The December GRT meeting summary has been attached for your reference.	January 31, 2024	Email
	Walker provided notification of the release of the draft ToR availability for review via email and provided a link to the draft documents on March 7, 2024.						March 7, 2024	Email
	Walker sent invitation to GRT Meeting #2 via email on March 19, 2024.						March 19, 2024	Email
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Transport Canada	Walker provided the Notice of ToR Commencement and Open House on November 30, 2023, via an email w/letter attached.						November 30, 2023	Email
	Environmental Assessment Program	December 1, 2023	Email	<p>Please note Transport Canada does not require receipt of all Individual or Class EA related notifications. We request that project proponents self-assess whether their project:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will interact with a federal property and/or waterway by reviewing the Directory of Federal Real Property, available at www.tbs-sct.gc.ca/dfrp-rbif/; and 2. Will require approval and/or authorization under any Acts administered by Transport Canada* available at http://www.tc.gc.ca/eng/acts-regulations/menu.htm. <p>Proposed projects that will occur on federal property (including reserve lands or lands owned by federal departments other than Transport Canada) will be subject to an Impact Assessment per Section 82 of the Impact Assessment Act, 2019 prior to exercising a federal power (including full or partial funding), and/or performing a function or duty (e.g. regulatory approval or issuance of a lease) in relation to that project.</p>	<p>GHD undertook the self-assessment described in the email below on behalf of the Project proponent, Walker Industries. The Project is not expected to interact with federal property and/or waterway, however we found additional information is necessary to determine if authorizations and/or approvals under the Transportation of Dangerous Goods Act and the Aeronautics Act apply.</p> <p>Transportation of Dangerous Goods Act (TDGA)</p> <p>The Walker Niagara Campus does not accept household hazardous waste and requires that customers comply with section 16 of O. Reg. 347 under the Environmental Protection Act, which outlines the standards for waste management systems.</p>	December 5, 2023	Email	

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				<p>If the criteria above do not apply, Transport Canada's Environmental Assessment program should not be included in any further correspondence, and future notifications will not receive a response. If there is a role under the program, correspondence should be forwarded to: EnviroOnt@tc.gc.ca with a brief description of Transport Canada's expected role.</p> <p>*Below is a summary of the most common Acts that apply to projects in an Environmental Assessment context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Canadian Navigable Waters Act (CNWA) – the Act applies primarily to works constructed or placed in, on, over, under, through, or across navigable waters set out under the Act. The Navigation Protection Program administers the CNWA through the review and authorization of works affecting navigable waters. Information about the Program, CNWA and approval process is available at: http://www.tc.gc.ca/eng/programs-621.html. Inquiries can be directed to NPPONT-PPNONT@tc.gc.ca or by calling (519) 383-1863. – Railway Safety Act (RSA) – the Act provides the regulatory framework for railway safety, security, and some of the environmental impacts of railway operations in Canada. The Rail Safety Program develops and enforces regulations, rules, standards and procedures governing safe railway operations. Additional information about the Program is available at: https://www.tc.gc.ca/eng/railsafety/menu.htm. Inquiries can be directed to RailSafety@tc.gc.ca or by calling (613) 998-2985. – Transportation of Dangerous Goods Act (TDGA) – the transportation of dangerous goods by air, marine, rail and road is regulated under the TDGA. Transport Canada, based on risks, develops safety standards and regulations, provides oversight and gives expert advice on dangerous goods to promote public safety. Additional information about the transportation of dangerous goods is available at: https://www.tc.gc.ca/eng/tdg/safety-menu.htm. Inquiries can be directed to TDG-TMDOntario@tc.gc.ca or by calling (416) 973-1868. – Aeronautics Act – this Act and the associated Canadian Aviation Regulations (CARs) govern civil aviation in Canada. Transport Canada should be notified of projects involving aerodromes and associated structures, or activities that could affect aviation safety. Elevated structures, such as wind turbines and communication towers, are examples of projects that must be assessed for lighting and marking requirements in accordance with the CARs. Transport Canada also has an interest in projects that have the potential to cause interference between wildlife and aviation activities. One example would be waste facilities, which may attract birds into commercial and recreational flight paths. Additional guidance can be found in the Land Use In The Vicinity of Aerodromes publication, available at: https://www.tc.gc.ca/eng/civilaviation/publications/tp1247-menu-1418.htm. Information about Transport Canada's Civil Aviation program can be found at: https://tc.canada.ca/en/aviation. Inquires can be directed to aviation.ont@tc.gc.ca or by calling 1 (800) 305-2059 / (416) 952-0230. <p>Please advise if additional information is needed.</p>	<p>The Campus does accept asbestos, which is listed as a Dangerous Good in Schedule 1 of the TDG Regulations. Customers hauling asbestos to the Campus must comply with section 17 of O. Reg. 347, which outlines the transportation criteria for hauling asbestos.</p> <p>While there are no changes proposed to the types of waste accepted at the Campus as a result of the Project, TC is being consulted in order to determine if approvals and/or authorizations relating to application of the TDGA are required.</p> <p>Aeronautics Act Transport Canada has an interest in projects that have the potential to cause interference between wildlife and aviation activities, such as birds attracted to waste facilities within the vicinity of commercial and recreational flight paths. The nearest aerodromes are the Niagara District Airport (approximately 6km from the Campus), and Niagara Central Dorothy Rungeling Airport (approximately 20km from the Campus).</p> <p>For the Niagara District Airport in particular, we would like to verify the Project is located outside of the Hazardous Land-use Zones and not subject to approvals under the Aeronautics Act.</p>		
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	Linda Beaulieu	December 27, 2023	Email	<p>Regarding your follow-up question regarding asbestos and the TDGA. In addition to the helpful TDGA weblinks already provided in our previous correspondence, please also note the federal Transportation of Dangerous Goods Regulations (justice.gc.ca) under the Act, and specifically Schedules 1, 2 and 3 of said Regulation. Please direct any further inquiry to: TDG-TMDOntario@tc.gc.ca.</p> <p>Regarding your follow-up question regarding wildlife and aviation activities. In addition to the helpful aviation weblinks already provided in our previous correspondence, please find the St. Catharines Airport Zoning Regulations (justice.gc.ca) that applies to the Niagara District Airport (aka St. Catharines Airport). Concerns and/or discussions about potential aviation hazards from wildlife and/or by land development in the vicinity of a Certified airport should start with airport personnel. If questions or concerns remain after discussions with airport personnel, and after they assess site-specific considerations to their airport operations, certification, and their AZR regarding a landfill that, according to the project description, already exists nearby the airport personnel is advised to contact the Civil Aviation branch of Transport Canada (at aviation.ont@tc.gc.ca).</p>	<i>Noted. No response required.</i>	N.A.	N.A.
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	Linda Beaulieu	March 13, 2024	Email	Please take David Zeit off your circulation for this project. In previous correspondence we tried to express that the office that David and I work in has no federal involvement in this file, hence why we want to be taken off. We have provided you on 2 occasions with other Transport Canada contacts that might be of assistance should you have questions in regards to the TDG and landfills near airports (I have attached it).	Contact list was updated. No response required.	N.A.	N.A.	
	Linda Beaulieu	March 13, 2024	Email	Please take me off your all your FRT list.... see my email sent earlier this morning regarding David Zeit of this office.	Contact list was updated. No response required.	N.A.	N.A.	
Provincial Departments and Agencies								
Ministry of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade, Ministry of Indigenous Affairs, Ministry of Mines, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Ministry of the Solicitor General				Walker provided the Notice of ToR Commencement and Open House on November 30, 2023, via an email w/letter attached.		November 30, 2023	Email	
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Ministry of Energy				Walker provided the Notice of ToR Commencement and Open House on November 30, 2023, via an email w/letter attached.		November 30, 2023	Email	
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				Walker sent invitation to GRT Meeting #2 via email on March 19, 2024.		March 19, 2024	Email	
		Joerg Wittenbrinck	March 19, 2024	Email	Could you please remove me from this list? Moving forward Michael Di Cosmo (who is already on this list) will be the Ministry of Energy contact.	Thank you for letting us know. You have been removed from the project contact list for the South Landfill Phase 2 EA.	March 20, 2024	Email
				Walker sent summary notes for GRT Meeting #2 to all GRT members via email on April 12, 2024.		April 12, 2024	Email	
Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs				Walker provided the Notice of ToR Commencement and Open House on November 30, 2023, via an email w/letter attached.		November 30, 2023	Email	
				Walker sent invitation to GRT Meeting #1 via email on December 6, 2023.		December 6, 2023	Email	
		Ken Mott	8-Dec-23	Email	I am currently in another position. Please address all future circulations to MNRF to sr.planning@ontario.ca	Thank you for your response. Can you please confirm that sr.planning@ontario.ca should replace omafra.eanotices@ontario.ca as the contact email for the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs?	December 13, 2023	Email
					Walker sent summary notes for GRT Meeting #1 to all GRT members via email on January 8, 2024.		January 8, 2024	Email
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				Walker sent invitation to GRT Meeting #2 via email on March 19, 2024.		March 19, 2024	Email
	Nancy Rutherford	March 26, 2024	Email	Thanks for this invite but I'm unable to attend the meeting, with another commitment. Please let me know if there is anything specific OMAFRA needs to be aware of as outcome of the meeting discussion, such as agricultural land potentially impacted?	<p>Thank you for your response sent on March 26, 2024, regarding the invitation to GRT Meeting #2. The meeting was held in two sessions, on March 26th and 27th. The primary focus of the meeting was to provide an overview of the draft Terms of Reference for the Walker South Landfill Phase 2 Environmental Assessment. A meeting summary was circulated to the full GRT on April 12, 2024, and is attached here for your reference. Notably, the discussion during the meeting did not address agricultural land potentially impacted.</p> <p>Moving forward, we will continue to provide project updates and will bring to your attention any discussions or items related to agricultural lands and more generally to OMAFRA's mandate. The next GRT meeting is anticipated to be held in late May, in advance of submission of the Final Terms of Reference.</p>	April 17, 2024	Email
				Walker sent summary notes for GRT Meeting #2 to all GRT members via email on April 12, 2024.		April 12, 2024	Email
Ministry of Transportation				Walker provided the Notice of ToR Commencement and Open House on November 30, 2023, via an email w/letter attached.		November 30, 2023	Email
				Walker sent invitation to GRT Meeting #1 via email on December 6, 2023.		December 6, 2023	Email
	Rina Kulathinal	December 7, 2023	Email	Can you confirm the location of the South Landfill site?	The project site is located in the City of Niagara Falls, Niagara Region and in close proximity to the neighbouring municipalities of Thorold, St. Catharines, and Niagara-on-the-Lake. I have attached the Notice of Commencement of the Terms of Reference that includes a map of the project location.	December 7, 2023	Email
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				Walker sent invitation to GRT Meeting #2 via email on March 19, 2024.		March 19, 2024	Email
				Walker sent summary notes for GRT Meeting #2 to all GRT members via email on April 12, 2024.		April 12, 2024	Email
Ministry of Natural Resources & Forestry				Walker provided the Notice of ToR Commencement and Open House on November 30, 2023, via an email w/letter attached.		November 30, 2023	Email
	Christa Rigney	December 1, 2023	Email	<p>Thank you for the Notice of Study Commencement and Open House #1 for the South Landfill Phase 2 Environmental Assessment in the City of Niagara Falls. Please find attached information on MNRF interests, policies and procedures to guide your project.</p> <p>Attachment:</p> <p>The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) received your email November 30, 2023. Thank you for circulating this to our office. Please note that we have not completed a screening of natural heritage or other resource values for the project at this time. This response, however, does provide information to guide you in identifying and assessing natural features and resources as required by applicable policies and legislation, as well as engaging with the Ministry for advice as needed.</p> <p>Please also note that it is the proponent's responsibility to be aware of, and comply with, all relevant federal or provincial legislation, municipal by-laws or other agency approvals.</p>	<p>Please find attached our response to your comments on December 1, 2023. We also acknowledge receipt of your email dated April 12, 2024 and thank you for your comments on the Draft Terms of Reference.</p> <p>Attachment:</p> <p>On behalf of Walker Environmental, thank you for the correspondence from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) dated December 1, 2023, in response to the Notice of Commencement for the Walker South Landfill Phase 2 Environmental Assessment Study. Further, thank you for providing comments on the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) in your email dated April 12, 2024.</p> <p>The Project Team appreciates the information provided to guide the identification and assessment of natural features and resources within the Project limits. We understand the responsibility to be aware of and comply</p>	April 16, 2024	Email

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				<p>Natural Heritage</p> <p>MNR's natural heritage and natural resources GIS data layers can be obtained through the Ministry's Land Information Ontario (LIO) website. You may also view natural heritage information online (e.g., Provincially Significant Wetlands, ANSI's, woodlands, etc.) using the Make a Map: Natural Heritage Areas tool.</p> <p>We recommend that you use the above-noted sources of information during the review of your project proposal.</p> <p>Natural Hazards</p> <p>A series of natural hazard technical guides developed by MNR are available to support municipalities and conservation authorities implement the natural hazard policies in the Provincial Policy Statement (PPS). For example, standards to address flood risks and the potential impacts and costs from riverine flooding are addressed in the Technical Guide River and Stream Systems: Flooding Hazard Limit (2002). We recommend that you consider these technical guides as you assess specific improvement projects that can be undertaken to reduce the risk of flooding.</p> <p>Petroleum Wells & Oil, Gas and Salt Resources Act</p> <p>There may be petroleum wells within the proposed project area. Please consult the Ontario Oil, Gas and Salt Resources Library website (www.ogsrlibrary.com) for the best-known data on any wells recorded by MNR. Please reference the 'Definitions and Terminology Guide' listed in the publications on the library website to better understand the well information available. Any oil and gas wells in your project area are regulated by the Oil, Gas and Salt Resource Act, and the supporting regulations and operating standards. If any unanticipated wells are encountered during development of the project, or if the proponent has questions regarding petroleum operations, the proponent should contact the Petroleum Operations Section at POSRecords@ontario.ca or 519-873-4634.</p> <p>Natural Hazards</p> <p>A series of natural hazard technical guides developed by MNR are available to support municipalities and conservation authorities implement the natural hazard policies in the Provincial Policy Statement (PPS). For example, standards to address flood risks and the potential impacts and costs from riverine flooding are addressed in the Technical Guide River and Stream Systems: Flooding Hazard Limit (2002). We recommend that you consider these technical guides as you assess specific improvement projects that can be undertaken to reduce the risk of flooding.</p> <p>Petroleum Wells & Oil, Gas and Salt Resources Act</p> <p>There may be petroleum wells within the proposed project area. Please consult the Ontario Oil, Gas and Salt Resources Library website (www.ogsrlibrary.com) for the best-known data on any wells recorded by MNR. Please reference the 'Definitions and Terminology Guide' listed in the publications on the library website to better understand the well information available. Any oil and gas wells in your project area are regulated by the Oil, Gas and Salt Resource Act, and the supporting regulations and operating standards. If any unanticipated wells are encountered during development of the project, or if the proponent has questions regarding petroleum operations, the proponent should contact the Petroleum Operations Section at POSRecords@ontario.ca or 519-873-4634.</p> <p>Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act</p> <p>Please note, that should the project require:</p>	<p>with all relevant federal/provincial legislation, municipal by-laws or other agency approvals.</p> <p>Regarding the comments provided on the Draft ToR: the Project Team is in the process of reviewing all incoming comments and updating the ToR in preparation for submission of the Final ToR. The process of considering and addressing comments will be documented in the Record of Consultation, which will accompany the Final ToR.</p>		

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The relocation of fish outside of the work area, a Licence to Collect Fish for Scientific Purposes under the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act will be required. - The relocation of wildlife outside of the work area (including amphibians, reptiles, and small mammals), a Wildlife Collector's Authorization under the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act will be required. <p>Public Lands Act & Lakes and Rivers Improvement Act</p> <p>Some projects may be subject to the provisions of the Public Lands Act or Lakes and River Improvement Act. Please review the information on MNRF's web pages provided below regarding when an approval is, or is not, required. Please note, Lakes and Rivers Improvement Act approval from the Ministry is not required for certain activities within the area of jurisdiction of a Conservation Authority. Please see the Lakes and Rivers Improvement Act administrative guide for more information and contact your local Conservation Authority where unsure if work is subject to regulation under the Conservation Authority Act.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - For more information about the Public Lands Act: https://www.ontario.ca/page/crown-land-work-permits - For more information about the Lakes and Rivers Improvement Act: https://www.ontario.ca/page/lakes-and-rivers-improvement-act-administrative-guide <p>After reviewing the information provided, if you have not identified any of MNRF's interests stated above, there is no need to circulate any subsequent notices to our office. If you have identified any of MNRF's interests and/or may require permit(s) or further technical advice, please direct your specific questions to the undersigned.</p>			
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Christa Rigney		March 13, 2024	Email	<i>A version of the Draft Terms of Reference that does not have a "DRAFT" watermark throughout was requested. Watermarks are no longer recommended to be AODA compliant, and the suggestion was made to put "Draft" in the header.</i>	<p>Please find attached the Draft South Landfill Phase 2 Environmental Assessment Terms of Reference as well as the Draft Supporting Document with the "DRAFT" watermark behind the text moved to the header, per your request. Should you wish to receive the Draft Record of Consultation with a similarly revised watermark, please let me know and I can provide a download link (due to file size).</p> <p>We have taken note of this recommendation to improve readability for all future draft documentation for this Environmental Assessment.</p>	March 14, 2024	Email
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Christa Rigney		April 12, 2024	Email	<p>Thank you for inviting us to review the Terms of Reference for the South Landfill Phase 2. We have reviewed it for areas of interest to MNRF and noted the following for consideration:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Section 11, Page 47: the description as written for the Aggregates Resources Act approval appear accurate. No other MNRF-associate approvals are anticipated at this time, however other approvals maybe required depending once extent of impacts and mitigation measures are further assessed. - Appendix B, Table 4, Page 5: We suggest you consider effect on all wetlands regardless of status and not only designated wetlands since there is a non-provincially significant wetland immediately west of the aggregate pit. Perhaps it's an oversight as it is noted in Section 6.2.1.4 (page 18)? - Please consider in your evaluation of existing conditions and alternatives a review of the access road/trail crossing over Ten Mile Creek extending from the aggregate pit to the agricultural field (SW part of study area). For instance, consider things like: Why is the access there; What's it's condition including in-water structures; What is the future intent of the trail/creek crossing; and Will any approvals be required? MNRF 	<p>Thank you for your comments on the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) for the South Landfill Phase 2 Environmental Assessment. We appreciate the time you've dedicated to providing this valuable feedback.</p> <p>Our team has carefully reviewed all comments and has updated the ToR to reflect the input received, as appropriate. To demonstrate how input from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) was considered, attached to this email you will find a table with your comments, Walker's responses, and references to where the ToR has been updated, if applicable. We ask that you kindly confirm receipt of this document and let us know if you have any further comments or questions.</p>	June 14, 2024	Email

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				<p>may have an interest in the in-water factor depending on the findings, future intent and roles of other agencies involved.</p> <p>Also, we realize you are in the early planning stages but be advised that the Aggregate Resources Act the approval will require a site plan amendment and a surrender. The project for the South Landfill Phase 2 EA encompasses most of aggregate licence 11175 issued to Walker Aggregates Inc. This licence is for a Class A Quarry. Since MNRF does not regulate waste disposal sites on private land, a surrender of the licence would be most appropriate to facilitate this request. In order to surrender the licence, the Act requires the site be rehabilitated in accordance with the site plan. The site plan requires the site to be rehabilitated to an agricultural land use. This will require a site plan amendment process to occur to change the rehabilitation plan. The process would occur in the following order:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Site plan amendment: The stage of the process which the waste disposal site proposal is at under other required approvals/processes (e.g. EA or ECA's) would be considered during this process. Further discussions will be required to better understand the project and outline the process. – Licence Surrender. <p>The aggregate approval review processes can occur concurrently. We also encourage you to review your site plan (to rehabilitate to agricultural land use) in relation to the proposal to convert to a landfill.</p> <p>As the EA proceeds further along we can provide more guidance on MNRF approvals and connect you with the district for more information. Note that the feedback today does not include input from Niagara Escarpment Commission, whom I see is circulated on this distribution.</p>	<p>At this time, Walker is preparing the final ToR for submission to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) in the coming weeks. We will be notifying you and providing the final documents in advance of the submission date. All interested members of the public, the government review team, and respective Indigenous communities will also be informed. Additionally, we will be issuing a Notice of Submission in local newspapers and hard copies of the ToR documents will be available for viewing at public locations locally. This submission will include a 30-day public review and comment period, where interested parties can submit comments directly to the MECP.</p> <p>In consideration of the environment, we will be sending you digital copies of the ToR and supporting documents. If you would prefer hard copies couriered to your office, please let us know.</p>			
Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism	Walker provided the Notice of ToR Commencement and Open House on November 30, 2023, via an email w/letter attached.							
	Walker sent invitation to GRT Meeting #1 via email on December 6, 2023.						December 6, 2023	Email
	Liam Smythe	January 3, 2024	Email	<p>Thanks for sending the Notice of Commencement of Terms of Reference and Open House #1 for the above-mentioned project to the Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism (MCM). MCM's initial letter on this project is attached.</p> <p>Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.</p> <p>Attachment:</p> <p>Dear Darren Fry:</p> <p>Thank you for providing the Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism (MCM) with the Notice of Commencement of Terms of Reference & Open House #1 for the above-referenced project.</p> <p>MCM's interest in this project relates to its mandate of conserving Ontario's cultural heritage, which includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – archaeological resources, including land and marine; – built heritage resources, including bridges and monuments; and – cultural heritage landscapes. <p>Under the EA process, the proponent is required to determine a project's potential impact on known (previously recognized) and potential cultural heritage resources.</p> <p>Project Summary</p> <p>Walker Environmental Group is proposing to develop the next phase (Phase 2) of its South Landfill in the City of Niagara Falls to provide essential waste disposal services to meet the needs of Niagara and surrounding communities. Similar to current operations, South Landfill Phase 2 will include an annual fill rate of approximately 1.1 million tonnes per year, and a total capacity of 18 million tonnes over the next twenty years.</p> <p>This study is being undertaken in accordance with the requirements of Ontario Regulation 101/07 which includes the requirement to conduct an individual Environmental Assessment, per the Environmental Assessment Act. The first step of this process is the preparation of a Terms of Reference to set out the framework and work plan for addressing the requirements of the Environmental Assessment Act.</p> <p>Identifying Cultural Heritage Resources</p>	<p>Thank you for the Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism's (MCM's) comments on the Walker South Landfill Phase 2 Environmental Assessment provided in your January 3, 2024 letter in response to the Notice of Commencement of Terms of Reference & Open House #1. We also acknowledge receipt of your correspondence dated April 19, 2024 and thank you for your comments on the Draft Terms of Reference. We are considering all comments submitted as we update the Terms of Reference and will provide responses to each of your specific comments.</p>	May 9, 2024	Email	

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				<p>While some cultural heritage resources may have already been formally identified, others may be identified through screening and evaluation.</p> <p>The Terms of Reference should include a brief, or preliminary description of the existing environment, including the cultural heritage aspects of the environment. The Terms of Reference should include a list, and brief explanation of the studies and tools that will be used to provide a more detailed description of the cultural heritage aspects of the environment in the Environmental Assessment.</p> <p>Archaeological Resources</p> <p>As this EA project may impact archaeological resources, the study area should be screened using the Ministry's Criteria for Evaluating Archaeological Potential to determine if an archaeological assessment is needed. MCM archaeological sites data are available at archaeology@ontario.ca.</p> <p>If the EA project area exhibits archaeological potential, then an archaeological assessment (AA) shall be undertaken by an archaeologist licenced under the Ontario Heritage Act (OHA), who is responsible for submitting the report directly to MCM for review.</p> <p>Our records indicate that a number of archaeological sites have been previously identified within the vicinity of the study area. The Terms of Reference should identify if any archaeological assessments have been undertaken to date and identify any future commitments for future work.</p> <p>Proponents must follow the recommendations of the archaeological assessment report(s). MCM recommends that further stages of archaeological assessment (if recommended) be undertaken as early as possible during detailed design and prior to any ground disturbing activities.</p> <p>Built Heritage Resources and Cultural Heritage Landscapes</p> <p>The Terms of Reference should identify if the study area contains known or potential built heritage resources or cultural heritage landscapes, and if these resources may be impacted by the project. The Ministry's Criteria for Evaluating Potential for Built Heritage Resources and Cultural Heritage Landscapes should be completed to help determine whether this EA project may impact known or potential built heritage resources and/or cultural heritage landscapes.</p> <p>If there is potential for built heritage resources and/or cultural heritage landscapes within the project area, then a Cultural Heritage Report: Existing Conditions and Preliminary Impact Assessment should be undertaken for the entire study area during the planning phase and will be summarized in the EA Report. This study will:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Describe the existing baseline cultural heritage conditions within the study area by identifying all known or potential built heritage resources and cultural heritage landscapes, including a historical summary of the study area. The Ministry has developed screening criteria that may assist with this exercise: Criteria for Evaluating for Potential Built Heritage Resources and Cultural Heritage Landscapes. 2. Identify preliminary potential project-specific impacts on the known and potential built heritage resources and cultural heritage landscapes that have been identified. The report should include a description of the anticipated impact to each known or potential built heritage resource or cultural heritage landscape that has been identified. 3. Recommend measures to avoid or mitigate potential negative impacts to known or potential built heritage resources and cultural heritage landscapes. The proposed mitigation measures are to inform the next steps of project planning and design. <p>Given that this project covers a large study area, MCM recommends that the Cultural Heritage Report is carried out so that step 1 described above is undertaken early in the planning process. Then, steps 2 and 3 can be undertaken once the preferred alternatives have been selected.</p> <p>Cultural Heritage Reports will be undertaken by a qualified person who has expertise, recent experience, and knowledge relevant to the type of cultural heritage resources being considered and the nature of the activity being proposed.</p> <p>Community input should be sought to identify locally recognized and potential cultural heritage resources. Sources include, but are not limited to, municipal heritage committees, historical societies and other local heritage organizations.</p> <p>Cultural heritage resources are often of critical importance to Indigenous communities. Indigenous communities may have knowledge that can contribute to the identification of cultural heritage resources, and we suggest that any engagement with Indigenous communities includes a discussion about known or potential cultural heritage resources that are of value to them.</p> <p>Environmental Assessment Reporting</p>			

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				<p>All technical cultural heritage studies and their recommendations are to be addressed and incorporated into EA projects.</p> <p>Please note that the responsibility for administration of the Ontario Heritage Act and matters related to cultural heritage have been transferred from the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport (MTCS) to the Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism (MCM). Individual staff roles and contact information remain unchanged. Please continue to send any notices, report and/or documentation via email only to both Karla Barboza and myself.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Karla Barboza, Team Lead - Heritage Heritage Planning Unit (Citizenship and Multiculturalism) 416-660-1027 karla.barboza@ontario.ca – Liam Smythe, Heritage Planner Heritage Planning Unit (Citizenship and Multiculturalism) 416-301-4797 Liam.Smythe2@ontario.ca <p>Thank you for consulting MCM on this project and please continue to do so throughout the EA process. If you have any questions or require clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me.</p> <p>Sincerely, Liam Smythe</p>			
Walker sent summary notes for GRT Meeting #1 to all GRT members via email on January 8, 2024.						January 8, 2024	Email
Walker provided notification of the release of the draft ToR availability for review via email and provided a link to the draft documents on March 7, 2024.						March 7, 2024	Email
Walker sent invitation to GRT Meeting #2 via email on March 19, 2024.						March 19, 2024	Email
Walker sent summary notes for GRT Meeting #2 to all GRT members via email on April 12, 2024.						April 12, 2024	Email
	Liam Smythe	April 19, 2024	Email	<p>Thank you for providing the Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism (MCM) with the Proposed Terms of Reference for the South Landfill Phase 2 Environmental Assessment, and for providing the presentation slides from the second Government Review Team meeting on March 26.</p> <p>Please find MCM's comments on the proposed Terms of Reference in the attached letter. Do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or require further information.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments on the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) for the South Landfill Phase 2 Environmental Assessment. We appreciate the time you've dedicated to providing this valuable feedback.</p> <p>Our team has carefully reviewed the Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism's comments and has updated the ToR to reflect the input you have provided. To demonstrate how your input was considered, attached to this email you will find a table with your comments, Walker's responses, and references to where the ToR has been updated, if applicable. Also included is an excerpt from the revised draft ToR, showing updates made to Section 6.2.5, and the revised work plan for the investigation of cultural heritage resources. We ask that you kindly confirm receipt of this document and let us know if you have any further comments or questions.</p> <p>At this time, Walker is preparing the final ToR for submission to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) in the coming weeks. We will be notifying you and providing the final documents in advance of the submission date. All interested members of the public, the government review team, and respective Indigenous communities will also be informed. Additionally, we will be issuing a Notice of Submission in local newspapers and hard copies of the ToR documents will be available for viewing at public locations locally. This submission will include a 30-day public review and comment period, where interested parties can submit comments directly to the MECP.</p> <p>In consideration of the environment, we will be sending you digital copies of the ToR and supporting documents. If you would prefer hard copies couriered to your office, please let us know.</p>	June 14, 2024	Email
	Liam Smythe	June 14, 2024	Email	Thank you very much for providing responses to MCM's comments. We will review and provide any additional input if required.	<i>No response required.</i>	N.A.	N.A.

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				We look forward to reviewing the final ToR in the coming weeks as well.			
Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks	Walker provided the Notice of ToR Commencement and Open House on November 30, 2023, via an email w/letter attached. <i>Receipt of email was acknowledged on December 1, 2023.</i>					November 30, 2023	Email
	Walker sent invitation to GRT Meeting #1 via email on December 6, 2023.					December 6, 2023	Email
	Stephen Deneault	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	<p>I just wanted to provide a brief update now that we've had our first public event/open house for the EA which was last Thurs., Dec. 14th 4-8pm at Club Italia (~3 km from the project site).</p> <p>I will summarize the event as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Attendance was approximately 44 people and primarily neighbours - No media attended - The discussion can be characterized as cordial, engaged and inquiring - We developed many new relationships with neighbours (i.e. new to the area) and strengthened communication with existing relationships - Lots of good feedback was received, both on current operations as well as the proposed project - We'll be engaging many that attended directly and consistently throughout the EA <p>I should note that Walker also held its annual neighbourhood Holiday Gathering on Dec. 12th and had over 80 neighbours attend. While this event is very much a celebration of the upcoming holiday season, we did speak to many neighbours about the project (along with our regular business/Campus operations update).</p> <p>We also launched our online Open House on Dec. 15th at: https://southlandfillphase2.com/virtual-open-house. This will run until Jan. 15th, 2024.</p> <p>I'll continue to provide you with regular updates at key milestones.</p> <p><i>Receipt of email was acknowledged on December 19, 2023.</i></p>	December 19, 2024	Email
	Stephen Deneault	January 5, 2024	Email	A few of our reviewers have expressed interest in receiving a copy of the presentation deck used at the GRT sessions in December. Is this something you could share with us for informational purposes?	<i>Note: Meeting summary notes were circulated via email to all meeting attendees and invitees on January 8, 2024.</i>	N.A.	N.A.
	Walker sent summary notes for GRT Meeting #1 to all GRT members via email on January 8, 2024. <i>Receipt of email was acknowledged on January 8, 2024.</i>					January 8, 2024	Email
	Stephen Deneault, Andrew Evers	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	<p>Please find attached a summary of our February 12 South Landfill Phase 2 update meeting for your review and reference. If you have any questions or edits, please let me know.</p> <p><i>Receipt of email was acknowledged on February 26, 2024.</i></p>	February 26, 2024	Email
Michael Durst	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	I'm reaching out to provide a quick update on our South Landfill Phase 2 project. We are approaching the release of the draft Terms of Reference for the Environmental Assessment, which will be available for public comment and review starting next Thursday, March 7th until April 22nd.	February 28, 2024	Email	

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					<p>A copy of the document will be posted directly on our project website at southlandfillphase2.com.</p> <p>Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions.</p> <p><i>Receipt of email was acknowledged on March 4, 2024.</i></p>		
				Walker provided notification of the release of the draft ToR availability for review via email and provided a link to the draft documents on March 7, 2024. <i>Receipt of email was acknowledged on March 7, 2024.</i>		March 7, 2024	Email
				Walker sent invitation to GRT Meeting #2 via email on March 19, 2024.		March 19, 2024	Email
	Stephen Deneault	March 20, 2024	Email	Thank you for this. I have extended the invites to MECP's technical support staff.	<i>No response required.</i>	N.A.	N.A.
				Walker sent summary notes for GRT Meeting #2 to all GRT members via email on April 12, 2024.		April 12, 2024	Email
	Stephen Deneault	April 23, 2024	Email	<p>Thanks for your patience, please find MECP's comments attached.</p> <p>Let me know if you have any questions.</p>	Once we fully review and consider all comments received, we'll provide an update for you on next steps and timing.	April 24, 2024	Email
	Stephen Deneault	May 7, 2024	Email	<p>Thank you for the call this morning. As discussed, please find some general instructions for your final ToR submission.</p> <p>Terms of Reference Submission Instructions:</p> <p>Timing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Based on regulated timelines, the Minister's decision on a ToR is expected on the Friday of the twelfth week following the submission of the ToR. Because of this, the ministry suggests you target a Friday for the formal submission date, to give you ample time for distributing the ToR and publishing notices. - Note that the formal submission date is the published date that indicates the start of the comment period - the ToR should actually be received by the ministry in advance of this, to distribute to staff and make available in public record locations. - The ToR must be distributed and received by all parties prior to the submission date so that they have the full 30 days to review the document. <p>Distribution Lists</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - You will need to prepare the following lists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Government Review Team (GRT). This includes federal, provincial, and municipal reviewers. You should follow up with non-MECP GRT reviewers to confirm contact information and electronic copy/hard copy preference. You can send electronic copies to the MECP Project Officer to distribute to MECP technical reviewers. • Indigenous communities. This includes potentially affected and potentially interested communities identified by MECP. These two subgroups are given different levels of attention - the ToR must be sent to potentially affected communities, whereas only notice of ToR availability is needed for potentially interested communities. • Public Record Locations (Municipal offices, libraries etc). - Copies of the ToR, and all supporting documents (including the full Record of Consultation) must be distributed to the above lists (except for potentially interested Indigenous communities - see below). For individuals requesting hard copies, the main ToR document can be in hard copy, supporting documents and record of consultation can be provided on a USB. - In addition, at least notice of the ToR availability (or copies of the ToR at your discretion) must be given to the following: 	<i>No response required.</i>	N.A.	N.A.

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potentially interested Indigenous communities • Town clerks (as per section 6.(3.3) of the EAA) • Any identified stakeholder groups or NGOs • Any members of the public, residents or community members on mailing or contact lists <p>– These lists should be submitted to the MECP at least three weeks before the formal submission so that the MECP can confirm that all appropriate contacts are listed.</p> <p>Publication Documents</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Notice of the ToR submission identifying that the ToR will be available for a formal comment period, where it will be available and the timing of the comment period must be issued before the formal submission (e.g. distributed to the project contact list and published in the newspaper). – Notice of the ToR submission should be published in local newspapers that cover all potentially interested areas. – This should be supplemented as appropriate with other means of notice, such as web postings, flyers, posters, radio ads, etc. – A full list of all papers or other media that the ads will be published in and the dates of publication should be provided to MECP for the file. – French language - The ministry is committed to consulting and communicating in French with Francophone individuals, organizations, municipalities and communities in or near the 25 bilingual areas (www.ofa.gov.on.ca/en/flsa-mapdesig.html) designated under the French Language Services Act. While there is no statutory requirement for proponents to specifically engage the Francophone community, the ministry expects all members of the public to be adequately consulted and engaged during the environmental assessment process. <p>ToR Distribution</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – It is suggested that the proponent send the ToR directly to Indigenous communities and GRT reviewers. In this case, the proponent would also be responsible for tracking deliveries (use courier services that require a signature to receive a package and that return a delivery receipt to you) and confirming that all copies of the ToR and supporting documents are received by all contacts before the start of the comment period. Once confirmed, this information must be provided to the MECP. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For electronic deliveries to Indigenous communities, email “read receipts” should be activated for the outgoing emails, and the read receipts should be tracked, PDFed, and sent to MECP when all have been received. Hard copies should be sent by courier with proofs of receipt returned to you. Once all have been received, you will need to provide those to MECP. – Public record locations. There should be multiple options to view the ToR at libraries (USB pickup, tablets for on-site reading) and the local municipal office. – It is recommended that three weeks in advance of formal submission, you reach out to the GRT, Indigenous communities, and other stakeholders and ask them to let you know if they want to receive a hard copy. This will allow you sufficient time to receive a response, print copies, and mail out hard copies. – On the formal submission day, each contact on the GRT, Indigenous and stakeholder mailing list must receive a link providing electronic access to the ToR and all supporting documents, including the full record of consultation. The communication that includes the link must include an offer to send hard copies upon request. Any requests for hard copies must be responded to as soon as possible. – During pre-submission outreach to Indigenous communities, it is recommended that you confirm: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If they have an interest in receiving the ToR • If they are the appropriate contact to review the file • If they need any hard copies, and if so, how many. – The MECP will provide recipient-specific cover letters for Indigenous communities, the GRT, and public viewing locations. These cover letters are to be emailed along with each email distribution of ToR package to the GRT and Indigenous communities, and to be printed and attached to any hard copy distributions, including those hard copies sent to public record locations. 			

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All submission details, including submission date, comment deadline, and contact lists must be confirmed before the MECP can prepare the cover letters. For this reason, this information should be confirmed and submitted for review as soon as possible, but at least three weeks prior to the formal submission. - The formal ToR submission to the MECP should also include a letter from the proponent to the Director, Environmental Assessment Branch stating that the proposed ToR is being formally submitted. <p>Other Information</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A draft of the Notice of Submission should be provided to the MECP for review at least three weeks before the formal submission. A template can be found in the ToR Code of Practice. - A ToR summary form must be prepared by the proponent and submitted to the MECP at least three weeks before the submission. This document is used to prepare the notice that will be posted on the Ontario EA Projects website. <p>Overall Timelines</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - As soon as possible: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confirm submission date - At least three weeks prior to the submission date <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide MECP with GRT, Indigenous community, public record location and public/stakeholder lists • Provide information on newspaper/media publication dates and coverage • Provide a draft of the Notice of Submission • Provide a completed copy of the ToR Summary Form • Reach out to full distribution list (GRT, Indigenous, public) to identify who requires hard copies - At least one week prior to the submission date <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ToR should be published and ready for delivery • MECP will provide the proponent with cover letters for GRT, Indigenous communities and public record locations • Proponent will distribute copies of the ToR to all groups, and include the appropriate cover letters where needed - By submission date <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proponent will confirm receipt of all copies of the ToR, with written proof of receipt required for Indigenous communities through either a PDFed email read receipt, or a courier delivery receipt. This information will be provided to the MECP. • MECP will post notice a link to the Notice of ToR submission on the MECP's EA Projects website • Proponent will provide clippings of newspaper notices and information regarding any other notice methods used for the file 			
	Stephen Deneault	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	<p>I'd like to provide an update on our Draft ToR. Erika will be providing you with the following files tomorrow for your review:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Comment disposition table - Updated Draft ToR & Appendices (redline version) - Updated Supporting Document (redline version) - Commitment Table 	May 13, 2024	Email
	Stephen Deneault	N.A.	N.A.		<p>Further to my previous email, today we received comments from Six Nations of the Grand River - Elected Council that we want to fully consider and make updates the Draft ToR to incorporate input before sending it back for your review.</p>	May 14, 2024	Email

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					<p>I'll provide an update once we've fully reviewed and considered the comments.</p> <p><i>Receipt of email was acknowledged on May 14, 2024.</i></p>		
	Stephen Deneault	N.A.	N.A.		<p>We have now completed our careful review of all comments received on the draft ToR and revised the document, along with its appendices and the Supporting Document, in consideration of these comments. As such, please find enclosed for MECP review a download link to the following revised draft documents in track-changes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Revised Draft Terms of Reference - Appendix A – Glossary - Appendix B – Criteria and Indicators - Appendix C – Work Plans - Supporting Document #1 – Business Case Analysis <p>We have also provided within the download link the following new documents for MECP review:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Appendix D – ToR Commitments Table - Comment Response Table <p>https://ghd.sendthisfile.com/QoECh4FXshg6JvNbgF58J4Tv</p> <p>As Darren noted earlier this week, we received comments from Six Nations (Elected Council) on May 14 and have completed a thorough review and incorporated changes to the ToR based on these comments, where appropriate. We are still in the process of preparing response to the remainder of the comments from Six Nations that did not warrant updates to the ToR (e.g., general inquiries, requests for additional context, and items Walker will consider at later stages in the EA) and will provide the full comment disposition table for Six Nations comments for your review next week.</p> <p>Lastly, we would like to schedule a call with R. Nielson in the next week or two to ensure resolution of his comments.</p> <p>Kindly confirm receipt of this message and let us know if you are able to download the documents successfully.</p>	May 17, 2024	Email
	Stephen Deneault	May 21, 2024	Email	<p>Thank you for your email and sending the revised draft ToR, I am in receipt of the documents.</p> <p>MECP will review the responses to our comments, and I will connect with Ron Nielson about a meeting. Do you have a requested deadline to receive comments back from the GRT and Indigenous communities? Typically, our technical reviewers need a minimum of 2 weeks to review proponent responses, so it's likely you will receive MECP comments back the week of June 3rd. Let me know if you have any concerns with that timing.</p>	<p>Thank you for confirming receipt of the documents and for clarifying the typical MECP review timelines. A 2-week MECP review would be most appreciated, as we continue to aim for a late June submission of the ToR.</p>	May 21, 2024	Email
	Stephen Deneault	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	<p>As promised last week, please find attached for your review the full comment disposition table for Six Nations (Elected Council) comments on the Draft ToR. All updates to the ToR based on these comments were captured in our submission to MECP last week.</p>	May 24, 2024	Email

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					<p>We are still keen to meet with Ron Nielson to discuss his comments on the Draft ToR. Is it possible to schedule something for next week?</p> <p>Finally, I note that your previous email asked when we anticipate receiving comments back from the GRT and Indigenous communities. We would like to clarify that we will continue to consult with the GRT and Indigenous communities both as we finalize the ToR and during the formal ToR review period but did not intend to seek formal confirmation on our comment responses prior to issuing the Final ToR. We have not pushed back on any comments received from the GRT or Indigenous communities, so do not believe there to be any potential points of contention in our responses.</p>		
	Stephen Deneault	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	<p>Further to our conversation yesterday, we are providing you the following information as we prepare for a ToR submission on June 28th:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Draft Notice of Submission, Terms of Reference Distribution List for MECP, ToR Submission ToR Summary for the EA Website <p>Please review and let us know if you have any comments or questions.</p> <p>We are in the process of providing our responses to comments to stakeholders and Indigenous communities at which time we'll also be confirming if they wish to receive hard copies of the ToR submission documentation.</p> <p>If there is anything we've missed at this time, let us know.</p>	June 4, 2024	Email
	Stephen Deneault	June 11, 2024	Email	<p>Thank you for sharing the materials, I have no comments on the Notice or ToR Summary Form. Regarding the distribution list, there was a cabinet shuffle last week and so we are updating our GRT contact list to reflect ministry name changes. I will follow-up later this week with my feedback on your distribution list and a copy of the updated GRT list once available.</p> <p>MECP reviewers have also completed their review of your response to comments on the draft ToR. Most comments have been addressed, but please note our discussions with Ron Neilsen and his request for text updates and a remaining comment from MECP's noise engineer. See attached.</p> <p>Cover memos for the ToR distribution will be provided to you shortly. Let me know if you have any questions.</p>	<p>Thank you for providing the confirmation of comment responses from MECP reviewers. We are in the process of addressing the comment from the MECP noise engineer and will provide our response and any updates to the document(s) shortly.</p> <p>Below, please find a link to an updated version of Supporting Document #1. Our most recent revisions to address Ron Neilsen's comments are highlighted in yellow in Section 3.2.</p> <p>https://ghd.sendthisfile.com/wqdTmYYqPAY0iWDJljjQ7ZE</p> <p>We will keep an eye out for your feedback on the distribution list as well as cover memos for ToR distribution.</p>	June 12, 2024	Email
	Stephen Deneault	June 17, 2024	Email	<p>I have forwarded your revisions to Ron Neilsen and will let you know if there are any questions that come back on that piece. When can we anticipate your response to MECP's noise engineer?</p> <p>A couple comments on your distribution list:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ministry name changes – In response to the recent June 6th provincial cabinet shuffle, MECP is in the process of updating the GRT distribution list that we provide to proponents for EAs. The document has yet to be finalized, however I am sharing the attached track changes version with you so you can have the most updated ministry names in your distribution list. I will provide the finalized GRT list to you as soon as it's ready. Indigenous community contacts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For HDI please also copy info@hdi.land 	<p>Thank you for passing on the cover letters, your notes on Indigenous community contacts, and the in-progress GRT distribution list.</p> <p>Below, please see Walker's response to the June 10 follow-up comment from MECP's noise engineer. Attached is an excerpt from the updated ToR Appendix C showing the corresponding revisions made to the Atmospheric Work Plan.</p> <p>Proponent Response (June 17, 2024)</p> <p><i>The current proposed undertaking does not anticipate any sources of blasting and/or vibration with the landfilling operations. The Atmospheric Work Plan has been revised to indicate that in the unlikely event that sources of blasting and/or vibration are determined, MECP guidance NPC-207 and/or NPC-119 will be followed, as applicable.</i></p>	June 17, 2024	Email

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For MCFN, please also copy Abby LaForme abby.laforme@mncfn.ca and Mark LaForme mark.laforme@mncfn.ca <p>Regarding the cover memos for ToR distribution, please find attached:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Memo to Indigenous Communities, with Acknowledgment of Receipt Form Memo to the GRT, with Acknowledgment of Receipt Form Memo to Public Record Locations 				
Niagara Escarpment Commission	Walker provided the Notice of ToR Commencement and Open House on November 30, 2023, via an email w/letter attached.						November 30, 2023	Email
	Cheryl Tansony	December 1, 2023	Email	Thank you for sending the Notice of Commencement to the Niagara Escarpment Commission. Please note Amaraine Laven is no longer with the NEC and I can be added to the contact list. My contact information is below.	Thank you for letting us know. We will update our contact list with your details in place of Amaraine.	December 1, 2023	Email	
	Walker sent invitation to GRT Meeting #1 via email on December 6, 2023.						December 6, 2023	Email
	Walker sent summary notes for GRT Meeting #1 to all GRT members via email on January 8, 2024.						January 8, 2024	Email
	Cheryl Tansony	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	<p>I am writing to ask whether the Niagara Escarpment Commission has any questions about the South Landfill Phase 2 Environmental Assessment at this time and if you would like to schedule a meeting with Walker – either virtually or in person – to discuss the project, given you were unable to attend the first Government Review Team meeting sessions in December. The December GRT meeting summary has been attached for your reference.</p> <p>In addition, I understand that Kim Peters is no longer with NEC. Please let us know if she should be replaced on our project contact list with an additional team member or if you will be the primary contact.</p>	January 24, 2024	Email	
	Cheryl Tansony	January 29, 2024	Email	<p>Thank you for following up. I was able to attend the second day meeting, however was having some microphone issues. I don't have any questions at this time.</p> <p>The Phase 2 South Landfill lands are outside of the Niagara Escarpment Plan (NEP) Area and Niagara Escarpment Development Control (DC) Area, however, are adjacent to lands within the NEP and DC area. The NEC has an interest in ensuring there will be no impact to lands within the NEP area and may have permitting requirements, should any development/site alteration be proposed within DC.</p> <p>I will continue to be the primary contact; however I have copied Ian Thornton, who is current acting as the NEC Planning Manager.</p>	<i>Noted. No response required.</i>	N.A.	N.A.	
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	Walker sent invitation to GRT Meeting #2 via email on March 19, 2024.						March 19, 2024	Email
	Cheryl Tansony Janet Sperling	March 19, 2024	Email	As of March 16, 2024, I will be on temporary assignment and will no longer be working with the Niagara Escarpment Commission. Please contact janet.sperling@ontario.ca or 226-668-5247 for assistance with NEC files and inquiries.	I understand that Cheryl is on assignment and no longer with NEC. As her noted replacement per her email auto response, I am forwarding you correspondence sent yesterday regarding the South Landfill Phase 2 Environmental Assessment draft Terms of Reference. Please let us know if we should include you on all future project correspondence. Note that Ian Thornton is also currently on our project contact list.	March 20, 2024	Email	
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	Kim Peters	April 14, 2024	Email	I am no longer working with the NEC and this email address is not being monitored. Please forward your email to necgeorgetown@ontario.ca so that it can be directed to the correct person.	<i>Contact list was updated. No response required.</i>	N.A.	N.A.
	Janet Sperling	April 15, 2024	Email	<p>Thank you for forwarding material and request for comment from the NEC on the Walker South Landfill Phase 2 draft Terms of Reference for an Environmental Assessment (EA).</p> <p>The Phase 2 South landfill is proposed on lands that are not within the Niagara Escarpment Plan area or Development Control; therefore, the policies of the Niagara Escarpment Plan do not apply to the subject lands and a development permit is not required from the NEC., NEC staff comments are provided for consideration of the EA because the Escarpment is an important environmental feature in the surrounding landscape to the subject property.</p> <p>The Niagara Escarpment is an integrated landscape that is made up of natural systems and their connections within the Niagara Escarpment Plan area and adjacent to it. The NEC is supportive of the EA considering the natural heritage and hydrologic features and functions and potential impacts as well as mitigation because of the connections those features and functions may have with the Escarpment environment.</p> <p>Protection of the scenic resource is an important element for the Niagara Escarpment to safeguard the Escarpment's natural scenery and scenic quality. The terms of reference material has identified considerations for visual impact. NEC staff are available to offer aspects of visual impacts, siting and design measures that may minimize the impact of development on the scenic resources of the Escarpment.</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting comments on the draft Terms of Reference for the Walker South Landfill Phase 2 Environmental Assessment.</p> <p>We will review and consider all comments submitted as we update the Terms of Reference and will reach out if we have any questions or require further clarification from the Niagara Escarpment Commission.</p>	April 23, 2024	Email
	Janet Sperling	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	<p>Thank you for your comments on the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) for the South Landfill Phase 2 Environmental Assessment. We appreciate the time you've dedicated to providing this valuable feedback.</p> <p>Our team has carefully reviewed all comments and has updated the ToR to reflect the input received, as appropriate. To demonstrate how input from the Niagara Escarpment Commission was considered, attached to this email you will find a table with your comments, Walker's responses, and references to where the ToR has been updated, if applicable. We ask that you kindly confirm receipt of this document and let us know if you have any further comments or questions.</p> <p>At this time, Walker is preparing the final ToR for submission to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) in the coming weeks. We will be notifying you and providing the final documents in advance of the submission date. All interested members of the public, the government review team, and respective Indigenous communities will also be informed. Additionally, we will be issuing a Notice of Submission in local newspapers and hard copies of the ToR documents will be available for viewing at public locations locally. This submission will include a 30-day public review and comment period, where interested parties can submit comments directly to the MECP.</p> <p>In consideration of the environment, we will be sending you digital copies of the ToR and supporting documents. If you would prefer hard copies couriered to your office, please let us know.</p>	June 14, 2024	Email
Regional and Municipal Agencies							
Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority	Walker provided the Notice of ToR Commencement and Open House on November 30, 2023, via an email w/letter attached.					November 30, 2023	Email
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	Sarah Mastroianni	January 8, 2024	Email	If you can remove my name from this circulation list and replace it with Coleen and David (copied), that would be appreciated.	<i>Contact list was revised accordingly.</i>	N.A.	N.A.
	Colleen Bain	February 26, 2024	Email	<p>[P]lease see the attached letter with NPCA's preliminary comments regarding the Walker Environmental Group – South Landfill Phase 2 Environmental Assessment, Notice of Commencement.</p> <p>Should you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to discuss.</p> <p>Attachment:</p> <p>Proposal NPCA has received the above noted Notice of Commencement of Terms of Reference & Open House #1, which notes that Walker has initiated an Environmental Assessment for Phase 2 of its South Landfill, which would include an annual fill rate of 1.1 million tonnes per year and a total capacity of approximately 18 million tonnes over the next 20 years. NPCA staff have reviewed the Notice and offer the following preliminary comments.</p> <p>Ontario Regulation 155/06 NPCA regulates watercourses, flood plains (up to the 100-year flood level), Great Lakes shorelines, hazardous land, valleylands, and wetlands under Ontario Regulation 155/06 of the Conservation Authorities Act. The NPCA Policy Document: Policies for Planning and Development in the Watersheds of the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority, November 18, 2022 (NPCA Policies) provides direction for managing NPCA regulated features. Please note that all work done within a NPCA Regulated area will require a NPCA Permit, and must be in conformance with NPCA's Policy Document, specifically Sections 2.5 Environmental Assessments and 10 Policies for Infrastructure: https://npca.ca/images/uploads/common/NPCA_Policy_Document_-_Nov_18_2022_Office_Consolidation.pdf.</p> <p>Following an internal review, staff have concluded that the subject area contains the following NPCA regulated features and hazards:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Ten Mile Creek with associated flooding and erosion hazards; and – Remnants of wetlands. <p>NPCA's current mapping is outdated and shows portion of the Ten Mile Creek Wetland Complex that have been removed through past planning and regulatory approvals. Staff are in the process of updating our mapping for this area.</p> <p>Staff recommend that a formal information request to NPCA be completed for any other information we have regarding this area (i.e., natural heritage data).</p> <p>Conclusion NPCA staff hopes this information is helpful. If you have any questions or would like to discuss further, please contact the undersigned.</p>	Please find attached our response to your comments of February 26, 2024.	April 22, 2024	Email
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				Walker sent summary notes for GRT Meeting #2 to all GRT members via email on April 12, 2024.		April 12, 2024	Email
	Colleen Bain	June 6, 2024	Email	Attached is the information requested for the South Landfill Phase 2 EA in William Avenue Reconstruction study area in Niagara Falls. Please let me know if you require anything else or have any questions.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Niagara Region				Walker provided the Notice of ToR Commencement and Open House on November 30, 2023, via an email w/letter attached.		November 30, 2023	Email

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	Ann-Marie Norio, Jim Bradley, Ron Tripp, Michelle Sergi, Catherine Habermehl	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	This email is to notify you that Walker Environmental Group (Waker) is initiating an Environmental Assessment under the Environmental Assessment Act to develop the next phase (Phase 2) of our South Landfill in Niagara Falls, Ontario. Attached is a letter providing further information, including the Notice of Commencement of a Terms of Reference and Open House #1 Notice.	November 30, 2023	Email
	Kim Dolch, Sean Norman	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	The link below is unrelated to the quarry application and fyi. Please let me know if you have any questions.	November 30, 2023	Email
	Sean Norman	December 4, 2023	Email	Further to our call this morning – would you and your team be available on Monday the 18th from 1-3 for a presentation/meeting with Region staff. We have a few interested people from Planning and Waste Management. I have spoken to Andrew Bryce at the City and he would be interested in joining us as well.	A meeting was scheduled for December 18, 2023. Invitation was extended to Andrew Bryce, City of Niagara Falls.	December 4, 2023	Email
	Sean Norman, Erik Acs, Catherine Habermehl, Sherri Tait, Emil Prpic	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	GHD has prepared notes from our meeting on Dec.18th which I have attached for your review. Please advise if there are any omissions or inconsistencies with what was discussed. Attached to the notes you will find the following attachments/information: A copy of the slide deck/presentation The MECP's Code of Practice – Preparing and Reviewing Environmental Assessments in Ontario List of the technical consultants that will be conducting the effects assessments in their respective disciplines Additionally, I've provided a summary of feedback received from our Open House held on Dec. 14th. As a next step, I would like to request a follow up meeting and propose the following agenda items: Close-out action items outstanding from Mtg #1 Discuss Terms of Reference key milestones (draft and final ToR submissions, review periods, etc.) Provide an update on stakeholder/Indigenous consultation to-date and next steps Begin the development of a review framework with the City of NF & Region Other business I'll kindly ask Leticia to query our collective calendars and develop some dates/times. We're happy to host here at Walker.	January 26, 2024	Email
	Sean Norman	January 29, 2024	Email	Thanks for providing this follow-up information. We are gathering some dates for a meeting and will get back to you shortly.	A meeting was scheduled for February 9, 2024.	January 29, 2024	Email
	Sean Norman Erik Acs Angela Stea	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	Further to our meeting on February 16, we've prepared meeting notes and have included a copy of the presentation for your records. Please let me know if you have any questions.	February 20, 2024	Email
	Sean Norman	February 21, 2024	Email	Were you able to find a digital copy of the ToR from your previous EA (the one you had in hard-copy on the table)?	We're still attempting to locate a copy of the Approved Terms of Reference for the South Landfill (Phase 1) and will forward you a copy once we locate it.	February 21, 2024	Email

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					In the interim, I've attached a copy of what we believe was the approved version (ToR as Amended Sept 4th, 2005). This version includes amendments we made in response to MECP comments (these amendments are provided, with the ToR following). The ToR was approved on Oct. 5th 2005 which makes us feel confident the Sept. 4th version was the approved version. I trust this makes sense.			
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	Sean Norman	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	<p>This email is to notify you that the draft Terms of Reference (ToR) for the South Landfill Phase 2 Environmental Assessment (EA) is now available for review and comment from Government Review Agencies, Indigenous communities and agencies, the public, and other interested persons. The attached includes a cover letter with additional details.</p> <p>The draft ToR documentation can be accessed via the project website at southlandfillphase2.com or downloaded by clicking this LINK. The documentation includes three (3) files as described below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft Terms of Reference – 2024.03.07; • Draft Terms of Reference – Supporting Document – 2024.03.07; and • Draft Terms of Reference – Record of Consultation – 2024.03.07 <p>** Note: The link will be active for 12 days from the date of this email. **</p> <p>We ask that comments on the draft ToR be submitted directly to info@southlandfillphase2.com by April 22, 2024.</p> <p>Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to our team.</p>	March 7, 2024	Email	
	Sean Norman Erik Acs	April 19, 2024	Email	Please see attached Niagara Region's comments on the Draft Terms of Reference.	<p>Thank you, Sean – confirming receipt of your comments, dated April 19, 2024.</p> <p>Our team will begin to review and consider the Region's feedback as we update the ToR for submission to the Ministry. We will reach out if we have any questions or require further clarification.</p>	April 22, 2024	Email	
	Sean Norman Erik Acs	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	<p>Thank you for your comments on the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) for the South Landfill Phase 2 Environmental Assessment. We appreciate the time you've dedicated to providing this valuable feedback.</p> <p>Our team has carefully reviewed Niagara Region's comments and has updated the ToR to reflect the input you have provided. To demonstrate how your input was considered, attached to this email you will find a table with your comments, our responses, and references to where the ToR has been updated, if applicable. We ask that you kindly confirm receipt of this document and let us know if you have any further comments or questions.</p> <p>At this time, Walker is preparing the final ToR for submission to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) in the coming weeks. We will be notifying you and providing the final documents in advance of the submission date. All interested members of the public, the government review team, and respective Indigenous communities will also be informed. Additionally, we will be issuing a Notice of Submission in local newspapers and hard copies of the ToR documents will be available for viewing at public locations locally. This submission will include a 30-day public review and comment period, where interested parties can submit comments directly to the MECP.</p>	June 10, 2024	Email	

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					In consideration of the environment, we will be sending you digital copies of the ToR and supporting documents. If you would prefer hard copies couriered to your office, please let us know. <i>Receipt of email was acknowledged on June 12, 2024.</i>			
Niagara Police	Walker provided the Notice of ToR Commencement and Open House on November 30, 2023, via an email w/letter attached.						November 30, 2023	Email
	Office of the Chief	November 30, 2023	Email	Thank you for contacting the Office of the Chief of Police. This mailbox is not monitored 24/7. If this is an emergency, please call 911.	<i>Noted. No response required.</i>	N.A.	N.A.	
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DSBN Walker Living Campus	Walker provided the Notice of ToR Commencement and Open House on November 30, 2023, via an email w/letter attached.						November 30, 2024	Email
	Colleen Fast	November 30, 2024	Email	We don't have mail delivery at our Campus so please sent to my attention at the DSBN Education Centre, 191 Carlton St., St. Catharines. I've read though everything - since we are called the Walker Living Campus and it looks like you are thinking of using the name Walker Campus for this development I am worried that it will be confusing for our busses and parents attending our Campus. As it is they often end up at Niagara College or other locations nearby and need to be redirected. I'm not sure if a final decision has been made on this name but to avoid confusion for everyone I wonder if you might consider not using the word "Campus". Of course, it's totally up to you – just my first thoughts on seeing it.	Thanks for the address correction, we'll mail a hard copy of the Notice to the address you've noted below. Thanks for raising this point (we also have trouble with people finding our office given the large property and multiple entrances). We've been using the term 'Resource Management Campus' for a few years now as it is fitting given the variety of environmental operations that exist here. I'll commit to taking your comments to our Marketing & Communications team and I'm sure we can create a solution that works for everyone. Leave it with me and I'll follow up with you. Additionally, in the new year I would be happy to schedule a meeting with you and your team to talk more about the project and next steps.	November 30, 2024	Email	
	Colleen Fast	November 30, 2024	Email	Sounds great – feel free to email me in January and we can set something up. I had planned to connect with Walker Environmental in the new year. During the month of April, we will be hosting some of our Eco Schools at the Campus. We are working on specialized programs for those days that focus on the environment. I'm planning on some tree planting and was wondering if any of your staff visit schools or outdoor organizations with activities that focus on the environment? We'd love to include some community partners who would be able to provide interactive outdoor activities the bring awareness/action of environmental issues and the role their organizations play in combatting climate change and other environmental factors. If you do that kind of thing and are interested let me know and we can discuss in the new year as well.	We'll make a note to reach out to you in the new year. With regard to collaborating on environmental initiatives and education at your Living Campus, we would be more than happy to. We actively speak at schools, tour school groups around our Campus and support raising awareness on environmental initiatives. We've built compost boxes with Indigenous schools to promote composting of food leftovers from school lunches to tree planting, to working with Eco Teams around what materials belong in what bins and what not to do (i.e. ensure containers are rinsed or reuse ideas). More recently, we supported Dr. McNamara and her Recess Project with the NCDSB – here's a video if you're not familiar	November 30, 2024	Email	

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					(https://youtu.be/dCTm_9pZABl?si=e5Rwru3BTOnr1lVI). We are aligned in our passion to raise awareness around environmental issues/opportunities! I've copied Kaitlynn on our team and we'll surely reach out in January for a focused discussion on this exciting opportunity!		
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				Walker sent summary notes for GRT Meeting #1 to all GRT members via email on January 8, 2024.		January 8, 2024	Email
	Colleen Fast	N/A	N/A	N/A	I'm following up on Darren's note below to coordinate a meeting to introduce our proposal for the next phase of our South Landfill (Phase 2) and to discuss collaboration opportunities on environmental initiatives. I've proposed a few meeting options below for the week of February 5th: Wednesday, February 7th, 9:00 – 10:30am Thursday, February 8th, 1:30 – 3:00pm Friday, February 9th, 1:30 – 3:30pm Please let me know if any of these dates work on your end. We are happy to host at our office. A meeting was scheduled for February 9, 2024	January 19, 2024	Email
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Niagara Region Public Health and Emergency Service; Niagara Falls Fire Department; Thorold Fire Department; Niagara Catholic District School Board; Conseil scolaire Viamonde; Conseil scolaire du district catholique centre sud				Walker provided the Notice of ToR Commencement and Open House on November 30, 2023, via an email w/letter attached.		November 30, 2023	Email
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City of Niagara Falls	Bill Matson, Mayor Jim Diodati, Jason Burgess, Kim Dolch	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	This email is to notify you that Walker Environmental Group (Waker) is initiating an Environmental Assessment under the Environmental Assessment Act to develop the next phase (Phase 2) of our South Landfill in Niagara Falls, Ontario. Attached is a letter providing further information, including the Notice of Commencement of a Terms of Reference and Open House #1 Notice.	November 30, 2023	Email

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	Andrew Bryce	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	We'd like to schedule a meeting to close out some action items from our Dec. 18 meeting, build upon the previous discussion and review next steps for the EA. If you like, we can propose some dates – just let me know.	February 6, 2024	Email
	Andrew Bryce	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	I am following-up on Darren's email below to arrange a meeting regarding our South Landfill Phase 2 project. Depending on your availability, we are looking to schedule a time for next week. Please let me know what day/time works best on your end.	February 13, 2024	Email
	Andrew Bryce	February 13, 2024	Email	My apologies, I have availability Tuesday afternoon, Wednesday afternoon before 3 and Friday. Will the Region be invited to the meeting?	Does 9:30 – 10:30 am on Friday, February 23rd work on your end? We are happy to either host or meet you at City Hall. The Region will not be attending this meeting. With that said, is there any additional staff at the City that would be interested in attending?	February 13, 2024	Email
	Andrew Bryce	February 13, 2024	Email	Hi, no one else would need to attend from the City at this time. A future pre-consultation meeting would be held to address any application requirements for land use approvals would be scheduled, we can discuss that further in the meeting.	A meeting was scheduled for February 23, 2024.	February 13, 2024	Email
	Andrew Bryce	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	Please find attached a summary from our meeting last week, along with the following attachments: Meeting presentation Open House #1 Summary of Feedback	February 26, 2024	Email
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	Bill Matson, City Clerk Jason Burgess, CAO Andrew Bryce	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	This email is to notify you that the draft Terms of Reference (ToR) for the South Landfill Phase 2 Environmental Assessment (EA) is now available for review and comment from Government Review Agencies, Indigenous communities and agencies, the public, and other interested persons. The attached includes a cover letter with additional details. The draft ToR documentation can be accessed via the project website at southlandfillphase2.com or downloaded by clicking this LINK. The documentation includes three (3) files as described below: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Draft Terms of Reference – 2024.03.07; Draft Terms of Reference – Supporting Document – 2024.03.07; and Draft Terms of Reference – Record of Consultation – 2024.03.07 ** Note: The link will be active for 12 days from the date of this email. ** We ask that comments on the draft ToR be submitted directly to info@southlandfillphase2.com by April 22, 2024. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to our team.	March 7, 2024	Email
	Andrew Bryce	April 23, 2024	Email	Please see the attached comments.	Thank you for providing comments on the Draft ToR – confirming receipt.	April 23, 2024	Email

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					Our team will begin to review and consider the City's feedback as we update the ToR for submission to the Ministry. We will reach out if we have any questions or require further clarification.		
	Andrew Bryce	May 1, 2024	Email	Further to our letter of April 22, please see the attached letter and staff report, of which the recommendations were approved by Council.	Thank you – confirming receipt on our end.	May 1, 2024	Email
	Andrew Bryce	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	<p>Thank you for your comments on the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) for the South Landfill Phase 2 Environmental Assessment. We appreciate the time you've dedicated to providing this valuable feedback.</p> <p>Our team has carefully reviewed the City of Niagara Falls' comments and has updated the ToR to reflect the input you have provided. To demonstrate how your input was considered, attached to this email you will find a table with your comments, our responses, and references to where the ToR has been updated, if applicable. We ask that you kindly confirm receipt of this document and let us know if you have any further comments or questions.</p> <p>At this time, Walker is preparing the final ToR for submission to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) in the coming weeks. We will be notifying you and providing the final documents in advance of the submission date. All interested members of the public, the government review team, and respective Indigenous communities will also be informed. Additionally, we will be issuing a Notice of Submission in local newspapers and hard copies of the ToR documents will be available for viewing at public locations locally. This submission will include a 30-day public review and comment period, where interested parties can submit comments directly to the MECP.</p> <p>In consideration of the environment, we will be sending you digital copies of the ToR and supporting documents. If you would prefer hard copies couriered to your office, please let us know.</p>	June 10, 2024	Email
Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake	Donna Delvecchio, Lord Mayor Gary Zalepa, Marnie Cluckie, Kristen McCauley	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	<p>This email is to notify you that Walker Environmental Group (Waker) is initiating an Environmental Assessment under the Environmental Assessment Act to develop the next phase (Phase 2) of our South Landfill in Niagara Falls, Ontario.</p> <p>Attached is a letter providing further information, including the Notice of Commencement of a Terms of Reference and Open House #1 Notice.</p>	November 30, 2023	Email
	Kristen McCauley	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	<p>By way of introduction, I'm Darren Fry and I am the Project Director for the South Landfill Phase 2 Environmental Assessment here at Walker.</p> <p>I believe you received a copy of our Notice of Commencement for the project back in late November. As a follow-up, I would like to request a meeting with the relevant Town staff to provide an introduction and overview of the Phase 2 project, the EA process, anticipated milestones and of course, answer any questions your team may have.</p> <p>Would you like me to propose a few dates or would you like to query your team first? We're also happy to host – whatever is easiest for you.</p>	January 18, 2024	Email
	Aida Nasr	January 22, 2024	Email	<p>Thanks for your email, Kirsten has requested me to coordinate with all concerned with regard to setting up a meeting with the Town Staff.</p> <p>Following are the dates and times that are available:</p>	We would be available to meet on February 6, 2024 @ 3 pm and can host the meeting at our office.	January 22, 2024	Email

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				<p>January 30, 2024 9:00 – 10:00 AM February 1, 2024 3:30 - 4:30 PM February 6, 2024 3:00 – 4:00 PM</p> <p>Please let me know if any of the above-mentioned dates are suitable. Also please indicate whether the meeting is in person or virtual.</p>	Please confirm that in-person at this time works for you, and I will send out a meeting invite with the location details.		
	Aida Nasr	January 22, 2024	Email	<p>Apologies when I forwarded the meeting invite, I was informed that this option is not suitable for one of the attendees.</p> <p>The best option for us is February 1 at 3:30 pm would this timing work for your team.</p> <p>If not, I will have to look at a later date.</p>	<p>No problem. I double checked the calendars and February 1 will work on our end as well.</p> <p>I will adjust the invite. How many will be attending?</p> <p>A meeting was scheduled for February 1, 2024.</p>	January 22, 2024	Email
	Donna Delvecchio, Kirsten McCauley	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	<p>This email is to notify you that the draft Terms of Reference (ToR) for the South Landfill Phase 2 Environmental Assessment (EA) is now available for review and comment from Government Review Agencies, Indigenous communities and agencies, the public, and other interested persons. The attached includes a cover letter with additional details.</p> <p>The draft ToR documentation can be accessed via the project website at southlandfillphase2.com or downloaded by clicking this LINK. The documentation includes three (3) files as described below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Draft Terms of Reference – 2024.03.07; ii. Draft Terms of Reference – Supporting Document – 2024.03.07; and iii. Draft Terms of Reference – Record of Consultation – 2024.03.07 <p>** Note: The link will be active for 12 days from the date of this email. **</p> <p>We ask that comments on the draft ToR be submitted directly to info@southlandfillphase2.com by April 22, 2024.</p> <p>Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to our team.</p>	March 7, 2024	Email
	Kirsten McCauley	March 18, 2024	Email	<p>I received the following inquiry from one of the local Councillors:</p> <p>“Under Bill 197, if a landfill site is proposed, and the site is located within 3.5 kilometres of a border with an adjacent municipality, the proponent needs to obtain a resolution from that council indicating that the council supports the project. Does this also apply to expansions of landfills like the proposed Walker expansion on Taylor Rd?”</p> <p>The proposed expansion is within the 3.5 km of the municipal boundary. I reviewed the project materials and read through the Bill. It says “establish a landfilling site” but nothing about expansion of an existing one. I know you are consulting on the TOR and intend to continue the consultations through the process. Could you please confirm if the local municipal Council must provide a resolution?</p>	<p>Thank you for the inquiry – I’m happy to provide some clarity.</p> <p>Changes made to the <i>EA Act</i> via Bill 197 requiring a proponent to obtain a Council resolution in support of the project (Municipalities within 3.5 km) apply only to the <u>establishment of a new</u> landfill site. Phase 2 of the South Landfill is a <u>continuation/extension of the existing site</u>.</p> <p>I’m happy to provide some additional information for your reference. <i>O. Reg 101/07: Waste Management Projects</i> provides clarity between “Establishing” a site vs “Change” to a site. “Change” includes, with respect to a waste disposal site, an alteration, enlargement or extension of the site. Additionally, the definition of “Site” as set out in <i>O. Reg. 347 (General Waste Management)</i> is stated as “one property and includes nearby properties owned or leased by the same person where passage from one property to another involves crossing, but not travelling along, a public highway”.</p> <p>Therefore, the changes made under Bill 197 do not apply to this EA and there is no requirement for a Council resolution.</p>	March 19, 2024	Email

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					<p>I trust this is helpful. If you have any further questions, please feel free to reach out.</p> <p><i>Receipt of email was acknowledged on March 19, 2024.</i></p>		
	Sonia Simoes	March 22, 2024	Email	<p>Thank you so much for taking several of my calls today.</p> <p>On Wednesday, May 22, 2024, Town Staff and some Councillors will attend the tour from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.</p> <p>As mentioned, I will reach out closer to the date to confirm attendees. Let me know if you require additional information.</p>	<p>Thanks for reaching out and it's my pleasure to help coordinate a Campus tour for staff and Councillors. Leticia will be assisting us get everything in place and we'll touch base a bit closer to the date with some additional details (i.e. directions, map, etc.).</p> <p>Tour was scheduled for May 22, 2024,</p>	March 25, 2024	Email
	John Federici Kirsten McCauley	April 18, 2024	Email	<p>Please find attached comments from the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake regarding the Walker South Landfill Phase 2 Environmental Assessment Proposed Terms of Reference. Kindly confirm receipt.</p>	<p>Thank you for providing us with NOTL's comments on the Draft ToR – confirming receipt of your attachment dated April 18, 2024.</p> <p>Our team will to review and consider this feedback as we update the ToR for submission to the Ministry. We will reach out if we have any questions or require further clarification.</p>	April 22, 2024	Email
	John Federici Kirsten McCauley	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	<p>Thank you for your comments on the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) for the South Landfill Phase 2 Environmental Assessment. We appreciate the time you've dedicated to providing this valuable feedback.</p> <p>Our team has carefully reviewed the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake's comments and has updated the ToR to reflect the input you have provided. To demonstrate how your input was considered, attached to this email you will find a table with your comments, our responses, and references to where the ToR has been updated, if applicable. We ask that you kindly confirm receipt of this document and let us know if you have any further comments or questions.</p> <p>At this time, Walker is preparing the final ToR for submission to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) in the coming weeks. We will be notifying you and providing the final documents in advance of the submission date. All interested members of the public, the government review team, and respective Indigenous communities will also be informed. Additionally, we will be issuing a Notice of Submission in local newspapers and hard copies of the ToR documents will be available for viewing at public locations locally. This submission will include a 30-day public review and comment period, where interested parties can submit comments directly to the MECP.</p> <p>In consideration of the environment, we will be sending you digital copies of the ToR and supporting documents. If you would prefer hard copies couriered to your office, please let us know.</p>	June 10, 2024	Email
City of Thorold	Matthew Trennum, Mayor Terry Ugulini, Manoj Dilwaria, Jason Simpson	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	<p>This email is to notify you that Walker Environmental Group (Waker) is initiating an Environmental Assessment under the Environmental Assessment Act to develop the next phase (Phase 2) of our South Landfill in Niagara Falls, Ontario.</p> <p>Attached is a letter providing further information, including the Notice of Commencement of a Terms of Reference and Open House #1 Notice.</p>	November 30, 2023	Email
	Manoj Dilwaria	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	<p>Further to our Notice of Commencement of the Environmental Assessment for Phase 2 of our South Landfill, I would like to request a meeting with the relevant City of Thorold staff to provide an introduction and overview of the</p>	January 18, 2024	Email

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					Phase 2 project, the EA process, anticipated milestones and of course, answer any questions your team may have. Would you like me to propose a few dates or would you like to query your team first? We're also happy to host – whatever is easiest for you.		
	Manoj Dilwaria	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	I am following-up on Darren's email below schedule a meeting with the City of Thorold to discuss our plans to develop the next phase of our South Landfill (Phase 2). I've proposed a few dates/times below: Thursday, February 15th, 10:00 – 11:00 am Tuesday, February 20th, 2:00 – 3:00 pm Wednesday, February 21st, 9:30 – 10:30 am Thursday, February 22nd, 10:00 – 11:00 am	January 18, 2024	Email
	Tara Lynn O'Toole	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	<i>Voicemail requesting a meeting with City staff to introduce the South Landfill Phase 2 project, review the EA process, and discuss next steps.</i>	February 14, 2024	Phone
	Tara Lynn O'Toole	February 29, 2024	Phone	<i>Voicemail to get in touch via email to schedule a meeting.</i>	I'm sorry I missed your call earlier this afternoon. Thank you for getting back to me. I've proposed a few dates/times for a meeting to introduce our South Landfill Phase 2 project below: Wednesday, March 13, 10:00 – 11:00am or 2:00 – 3:00pm Thursday, March 14, any time between 10:00am – 4:00pm Friday, March 15, any time between 9:00am – 4:00pm In terms of where we are currently at with the project, a Notice of Commencement for a Terms of Reference and Open House #1 was published on November 30, 2023. I've attached the email and accompanying notice that was sent to the City's clerk, mayor, and staff for your reference. We will be releasing a draft Terms of Reference (ToR) for public comment and review next Thursday, March 7th. The ToR is the initial step in the Environmental Assessment (EA) process and serves as the roadmap for what will be studied in the EA and outlines the consultation activities that will take place. A copy of this document will be sent to directly to you next week. Are there any other staff members that should be included on this correspondence? Please do not hesitate to reach out any time if you have any questions.	February 29, 2024	Email
	Tara Lynn O'Toole	February 29, 2024	Email	Sorry for the delay in connecting with you! Will this meeting be in person or over zoom? Staff involved on our end work from home on Wednesday and Thursday and will only be available via zoom but can be in person on Friday. Please let me know and I will check our schedules. Thanks again for providing the information attached and look forward to meeting with you to discuss this project.	No problem – glad we could connect. In-person on Friday, March 15th would be great. Happy to host at our offices and provide a tour of our Niagara Resource Management Campus, if interested! I believe your colleague Meghan Birbeck came for a tour back in 2022. Please send along your availability and I will send out a meeting request. A meeting and tour were scheduled for March 15, 2024.	February 29, 2024	Email

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	Matthew Trennum, Clerk Manoj Dilwaria Tara O'Toole	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	<p>This email is to notify you that the draft Terms of Reference (ToR) for the South Landfill Phase 2 Environmental Assessment (EA) is now available for review and comment from Government Review Agencies, Indigenous communities and agencies, the public, and other interested persons. The attached includes a cover letter with additional details.</p> <p>The draft ToR documentation can be accessed via the project website at southlandfillphase2.com or downloaded by clicking this LINK. The documentation includes three (3) files as described below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Draft Terms of Reference – 2024.03.07; Draft Terms of Reference – Supporting Document – 2024.03.07; and Draft Terms of Reference – Record of Consultation – 2024.03.07 <p>** Note: The link will be active for 12 days from the date of this email. **</p> <p>We ask that comments on the draft ToR be submitted directly to info@southlandfillphase2.com by April 22, 2024.</p> <p>Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to our team.</p>	March 7, 2024	Email
	Connor MacIsaac Justin Letourneau Tara O'Toole	March 22, 2024	Email	<p>Thank you to yourself and Elizabeth for taking the time to explain the ongoing EA Process for Walker's South Landfill Phase 2 and show us around the Walker campus.</p> <p>I know we had previously discussed the Walker team potentially attending the following ECCBAC meeting sometime in May. However, given the Draft TOR commenting deadline of April 22nd, it may be best to include a presentation from Walker on the April 5th agenda, is possible. The meeting is virtual and held at 10 a.m.</p> <p>Let me know if this date and time works for your team and whether you would be interested in attending the meeting April 5th.</p>	<p>It was a pleasure to meet and provide an overview of Walker's plans to continue to provide important waste management infrastructure and services for Niagara. Happy to host you and your team members around the Campus anytime!</p> <p>We are available and pleased to present to the ECCBAC on April 5th. If you could Elizabeth and I know how much time we'll have and we'll prepare a presentation with all the important info (while allowing for Q&A).</p> <p><i>Walker presented to the ECCBAC on April 5, 2024.</i></p>	March 22, 2024	Email
	Tara O'Toole	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	<p>Just following up on my voicemail from earlier today (I was meeting with Mayor & CAO on other matters and wanted to touch base prior).</p> <p>The public comment period on our Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) concluded on Monday and I'm just touching base to see if the City will be providing comment. We'll gladly still accept and consider them. If not, I'm happy to provide an update on the project at your convenience and we'll continue to engage the City as we move forward.</p>	April 24, 2024	Email
	Marc Davidson	April 25, 2024	Email	Please see the attached comments from the City of Thorold on the Draft ToR for the Walker South Landfill Phase 2 EA.	<p>We're confirming receipt of the City's comments as noted below. We'll review and consider these comments as we prepare a final version of the Terms of Reference.</p> <p>We'll continue to provide regular updates and engage the City at key milestones through the EA process.</p>	April 25, 2024	Email
	Marc Davidson Tara O'Toole	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	<p>Thank you for your comments on the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) for the South Landfill Phase 2 Environmental Assessment. We appreciate the time you've dedicated to providing this valuable feedback.</p> <p>Our team has carefully reviewed the City of Thorold's comments and has updated the ToR to reflect the input you have provided. To demonstrate how your input was considered, attached to this email you will find a table with your comments, our responses, and references to where the ToR has been updated, if applicable. We ask that you kindly confirm receipt of this document and let us know if you have any further comments or questions.</p>	June 10, 2024	Email

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					<p>At this time, Walker is preparing the final ToR for submission to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) in the coming weeks. We will be notifying you and providing the final documents in advance of the submission date. All interested members of the public, the government review team, and respective Indigenous communities will also be informed. Additionally, we will be issuing a Notice of Submission in local newspapers and hard copies of the ToR documents will be available for viewing at public locations locally. This submission will include a 30-day public review and comment period, where interested parties can submit comments directly to the MECP.</p> <p>In consideration of the environment, we will be sending you digital copies of the ToR and supporting documents. If you would prefer hard copies couriered to your office, please let us know.</p>		
City of St. Catharines	Kristen Sullivan, Mayor Mat Siscoe, Erin O'Hoski, Tami Kitay	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	<p>This email is to notify you that Walker Environmental Group (Walker) is initiating an Environmental Assessment under the Environmental Assessment Act to develop the next phase (Phase 2) of our South Landfill in Niagara Falls, Ontario.</p> <p>Attached is a letter providing further information, including the Notice of Commencement of a Terms of Reference and Open House #1 Notice.</p>	November 30, 2023	Email
	David Oakes Erin O'Hoski	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	<p>I'm following up on the Notice of Commencement of the Environmental Assessment for Phase 2 of our South Landfill that you would have received in late November. David, let me also apologize for incorrectly recognizing you as that as the City's CAO on our correspondence.</p> <p>I would like to request a meeting with the relevant City staff to provide an introduction and overview of the Phase 2 project, the EA process, anticipated milestones and of course, answer any questions your team may have.</p> <p>Would you like me to propose a few dates or would you like to query your team first? We're also happy to host – whatever is easiest for you.</p>	January 18, 2024	Email
	Trish Sorrenti	January 18, 2024	Email	<p>Thank you for reaching out! I work directly for Dave and Erin and would be happy to work with you and your team to get a meeting in place.</p> <p>I am currently working with our senior leadership team to see who from our organization should attend the meeting.</p> <p>In the meantime, would you like the meeting to be virtual or in person? If in person, our place or yours? If you feel the meeting would be more impactful at your place, I am happy to accommodate that.</p> <p>Please throw out some dates and times when you and your team are available.</p>	<p>Let's plan on hosting here at Walker. We could offer a tour of Campus as well (allow for an extra hour) for anyone interested. We have some new developments that are quite interesting like our Renewable Natural Gas project (largest in Ontario).</p> <p>I'm off tomorrow but my colleague Leticia can happily provide some dates tomorrow. Leticia - please allow for 1 hr for the meeting.</p> <p>A meeting and tour of the Campus was scheduled for February 6, 2023.</p>	January 18, 2024	Email
	Walter Sendzik David Oaks	March 5, 2024	Email	<p>On behalf of the Mayor and CAO, I'd like to thank you for connecting on Walker's proposed south Landfill Phase 2 Project.</p> <p>The CAO and the Mayor will review the draft Terms of Reference below and provide feedback, if warranted.</p>	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Kristen Sullivan, David Oakes, Tami Kitay	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	<p>This email is to notify you that the draft Terms of Reference (ToR) for the South Landfill Phase 2 Environmental Assessment (EA) is now available for review and comment from Government Review Agencies, Indigenous communities and agencies, the public, and other interested persons. The attached includes a cover letter with additional details.</p>	March 7, 2024	Email	

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	Tami Kitay	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	<p>I'm reaching out in regard to the Draft Terms of Reference for the South Landfill Phase 2 Environmental Assessment, which was made publicly available and shared with the City of St. Catharines on March 7, 2024.</p> <p>The public comment period on the document concluded this Monday, April 22nd and I wanted to touch base to see if whether we can expect any comments from your team.</p>	April 24, 2024	Email
Non-government and Other							
TC Energy	Walker provided the Notice of ToR Commencement and Open House on November 30, 2023, via an email w/letter attached					November 30, 2023	Email
	Walker sent invitation to GRT Meeting #1 via email on December 6, 2023.					December 6, 2023	Email
	TransCanada Crossings	December 8, 2023	Email	<p>Thank you for contacting TC Energy's Right-of-Way Management/Crossings Team (Canada). Our Team will review your request and action all inquiries as quickly as possible.</p> <p>For any planned work occurring within 30m of a TC Facility a request must be submitted through TC Energy's online application portal at https://writtenconsent.tcenergy.com (email requests are no longer accepted).</p> <p>Once the application has been successfully submitted and has passed the initial review, TC Energy will provide a response in accordance with the requirements of the applicable Regulator governing the impacted asset. This includes, but is not limited to, the Canadian Energy Regulator (CER), the Alberta Energy Regulator (AER) and the British Columbia Energy Regulator (BCER).</p> <p>For rush third party requests, please provide business reasons supporting your RUSH request, including your targeted construction date.</p> <p>For TC Energy information on Safe Digging, including topics such as Crossings & Encroachments, Driving over pipelines and Working near TC Energy pipelines, please visit: https://www.tcenergy.com</p> <p>Should you require information or assistance, you may contact us in the following ways:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> via email at crossings@tcenergy.com or toll-free at 1-877-872-5177 	<i>Noted. No response required.</i>	N.A.	N.A.

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> for French quebec_crossings@tcenergy.com <p>**A ONE CALL / LOCATE REQUEST should always be done prior to your proposed activity **</p> <p>If this is a Pipeline Emergency, please call 1-888-982-7222</p>			
	Aleksandra Skrzat	December 14, 2023	Email	Would you please provide a copy of the Notice of Study Commencement with the study area.	As requested, please find attached the Notice of Commencement of the Terms of Reference and Open House #1 for the Walker Environmental Group (Walker) South Landfill Phase 2 Environmental Assessment (EA).	December 5, 2023	Email
	Kaitlin Webber	December 15, 2023	Email	Please ensure TCenergy@mhbcplan.com is on your circulation list for this project – MHBC are the planning consultants for TransCanada PipeLines Ltd. (TCPL) and will be providing comments on their behalf throughout the process. TCPL has two (2) high-pressure natural gas pipelines within an easement abutting the southern portion of the Phase 2 lands.	<i>Noted. No response required.</i>	N.A.	N.A.
	Kaitlin Webber	January 2, 2024	Email	Thank you for hosting the GRT meeting on December 19th. I am wondering if you can please circulate the slides for our records?	<i>Note: Meeting summary notes were circulated via email to all meeting attendees and invitees on January 8, 2024.</i>	N.A.	N.A.
Walker sent summary notes for GRT Meeting #1 to all GRT members via email on January 8, 2024.						January 8, 2024	Email
	Kaitlin Webber	January 22, 2024	Email	<p>Thank you for including us in your GRT session. On behalf of TransCanada PipeLines Limited (TCPL), please see attached response letter, which outlines TCPL's applicable development and regulatory requirements for this project.</p> <p>Attachment:</p> <p>MacNaughton Hermsen Britton Clarkson (MHBC) are the planning consultants for TransCanada PipeLines Limited (TCPL). This letter is in response to a notification for the Walker South Landfill Phase 2 Environmental Assessment in the City of Thorold. TCPL has two (2) high-pressure natural gas pipelines contained within an easement ("right-of-way") abutting the southeastern property line of the Phase 2 site. TCPL's pipelines and related facilities are subject to the jurisdiction of the Canada Energy Regulator (CER) – formerly the National Energy Board ("NEB"). As such, certain activities must comply with the Canadian Energy Regulator Act ("Act") and associated Regulations. The Act and the Regulations noted can be accessed from the CER's website at www.cer-rec.gc.ca.</p> <p>The following are general TCPL requirements for consideration when evaluating alternatives:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> No buildings or structures shall be installed anywhere on TCPL's right-of-way. Permanent buildings and structures are to be located a minimum of 7 metres from the edge of the right-of-way. Temporary or accessory structures are to be located a minimum of 3 metres from the edge of the right-of-way. A minimum setback of 7 metres from the nearest portion of a TCPL pipeline right-of-way shall also apply to any parking area or loading area, including any parking spaces, loading spaces, stacking spaces, bicycle parking spaces, and any associated drive aisle or driveway. During construction of the site, temporary fencing must be erected and maintained along the limits of the right-of-way by the Owner(s) to prevent unauthorized access by heavy machinery. The fence erected must meet TCPL's specifications concerning type, height and location. The Owner is responsible for ensuring proper maintenance of the temporary fencing for the duration of construction. Permanent fencing may be required along the limits of TCPL's right-of-way. The fence erected must meet TCPL's and the municipality's specifications concerning type, location, and height. Any excavations for fence posts on, or within 30 metres of the pipeline must be done by hand or hydro vac. There shall be no augers operated on the right-of-way. The Owner shall notify TCPL 3 business days prior to any excavation for fence posts located on or within 30 metres of the pipeline. All fences made of metallic materials must be approved by TCPL prior to being erected on or within 30 metres of the pipeline. Storage of materials and/or equipment on TCPL's right-of-way is not permitted. Written consent must be obtained from TCPL prior to undertaking the following activities: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Constructing or installing a facility across, on, along or under a TCPL pipeline right-of-way. Conducting a ground disturbance (excavation or digging) on TCPL's pipeline right-of-way or within 30 meters of the centreline of TCPL's pipe (the "Prescribed Area"); 	<p>Please find attached our response to your comments of January 22, 2024 on behalf of TransCanada PipeLines Limited.</p> <p>Attachment:</p> <p>On behalf of Walker Environmental, thank you for the correspondence dated January 22, 2024, in response to the Notice of Commencement for the Walker South Landfill Phase 2 Environmental Assessment Study.</p> <p>Your guidance in helping the Project Team identify requirements under the Canadian Energy Regulator Act, as well as general TransCanada PipeLines Limited (TCPL) requirements for consideration in the evaluation of alternative methods, is appreciated.</p> <p>Thank you for offering to provide GIS shapefiles of TCPL's Prescribed Area throughout the study area. We are interested in receiving the GIS shapefiles and understand the importance of confidentiality. Please advise what steps are required regarding the confidentiality agreement.</p>	April 16, 2024	Email.

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				<p>c. Driving a vehicle, mobile equipment or machinery across a TCPL pipeline right-of-way outside the travelled portion of a highway or public road; and</p> <p>d. Using any explosives within 300 meters of TCPL's pipeline right-of-way.</p> <p>7. Original depth of cover over the pipelines within TCPL's right-of-way shall be restored after construction. This depth of cover over the pipelines shall not be compromised over the life of the road due to rutting, erosion or other means.</p> <p>8. The following provides design guidance for crossings: General Requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The crossing shall occur as close as possible to 90 degrees. - The crossing shall not occur at a bend in a TCPL pipeline. - TCPL may require the installation of permanent protective measures depending on site specific conditions and engineering analyses. <p>General Conditions for Crossings of TCPL Pipelines by Highways, Private Roads and Railways:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A highway or private road shall be constructed so that the travelled surface is no less than 1.5 metres above the top of the pipeline. - The bottom of the ditches adjacent to roads should not be less than 1.4 metres above the top of the pipeline. - Minimum cover for railway crossings (below base of rail) is 3.05 m for uncased pipe. <p>General Conditions for Crossings of TCPL Pipelines by Utilities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - TransCanada shall retain the upper position in the crossing area. - Minimum separation between buried facilities shall be 300mm (600mm during installation) for open cut excavations and 1000mm for horizontal directional drill installation methods. - The utility depth shall be maintained for the entire width of the right-of-way. - The utility shall have no bends within the pipeline right-of-way. - The utility shall have no joints, splices or other connections within the TCPL pipeline right-of-way. - Pipeline crossings should not be placed within 7 metres of a TCPL pipeline bend. - For crossings, it is recommended that the Applicant consult with TCPL as soon as possible through the third-party crossings tool: https://writtenconsent.tcenergy.com. <p>9. The following link to TCPL's website provides additional information on approval requirements: https://www.tcenergy.com/sustainability/safety/safe-digging/canada/landowners-and-neighbours/</p> <p>10. Storage of materials and/or equipment on TCPL's right-of-way is not permitted.</p> <p>We can provide GIS shapefiles of TCPL's Prescribed Area throughout the study area, however a confidentiality agreement will be required prior to releasing the files. Please let us know if you are interested in this option.</p> <p>Thank you for the opportunity to comment. Kindly forward future study details to TCEnergy@mhbcplan.com. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our office.</p> <p>Sincerely, MHBC</p>			
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Niagara College				Walker provided the Notice of ToR Commencement and Open House on November 30, 2023, via an email w/letter attached.		November 30, 2023	Email
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	Pamela Skinner Evan DiValentino	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	As we begin the planning process to extend the life of our South Landfill by developing the next phase (Phase 2), incorporating community/neighbour input is important to us. We want to develop the project in a way that works for the community and our business partners alike (we have employed over 30 NC grads here at Walker over the years) like Niagara College. If you are interested, I would be more than happy to schedule a time to meet with you/relevant team members to brief you on the project and process, gather feedback and answer any questions I can. I've attached a copy of the project notice for reference. Let me know, I'm happy to offer up some dates.	January 22, 2024	Email
	Pamela Skinner Evan DiValentino Nadeen Shehaiber Taryn Wilkinson Stephanie Amice	February 14, 2024	Email	With apologies for my delayed response, I would like to take you up on your offer for a briefing on the project and have copied Stephanie who can assist with scheduling. For this initial meeting I will include NC's Sr. Director, Planning and Capital Projects, Manager, Sustainability, and Sr. Director, Academic Transformation, also copied on this email.	We're happy to set something up and look forward to the discussion. Leticia – can you kindly connect with Stephanie to find a time that works for all. A meeting was scheduled for March 19, 2024		
				Walker provided notification of the release of the draft ToR availability for review via email and provided a link to the draft documents on March 7, 2024.		March 7, 2024	Email
	Pamela Skinner	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	We are reaching out to provide an update on our South Landfill Phase 2 project. As you may recall, on November 30, 2023, Waker announced the start of the planning process to develop the next phase of its South Landfill in Niagara Falls and initiated an Environmental Assessment (EA) under the Environmental Assessment Act. We are pleased to share that a draft Terms of Reference (ToR) is now available for public review and comment and can be accessed through our project website at southlandfillphase2.com. The ToR is the first step in the EA process and serves as the roadmap for what will be studied and the consultation activities that will take place during the following EA step. Please review the attached letter for additional details. We look forward to receiving your feedback on the draft ToR. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to connect with us at any time.	March 7, 2024	Email
Brock University				Walker provided the Notice of ToR Commencement and Open House on November 30, 2023, via an email w/letter attached.		November 30, 2023	Email
				Walker sent invitation to GRT Meeting #1 via email on December 6, 2023.		December 6, 2023	Email
				Walker sent summary notes for GRT Meeting #1 to all GRT members via email on January 8, 2024.		January 8, 2024	Email

Review Agency	Contact Name	Comment Date	Method	Comments from Review Agency	Walker Response	Response Date	Method
				Walker provided notification of the release of the draft ToR availability for review via email and provided a link to the draft documents on March 7, 2024.		March 7, 2024	Email
				Walker sent invitation to GRT Meeting #2 via email on March 19, 2024.		March 19, 2024	Email
				Walker sent summary notes for GRT Meeting #2 to all GRT members via email on April 12, 2024.		April 12, 2024	Email

Table 5.2 Summary of comments from Indigenous communities and their consideration

Indigenous Community	Contact Name	Comment Date	Method	Comments from Indigenous Communities	Walker Response	Response Date	Method
Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation	Chief Stacey LaForme, Mark LaForme, Casey Jonathan, Fawn Sault	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	This email is to notify you that Walker Environmental Group (Waker) is initiating an Environmental Assessment under the Environmental Assessment Act to develop the next phase (Phase 2) of our South Landfill in Niagara Falls, Ontario. Attached is a letter providing further information, including the Notice of Commencement of a Terms of Reference and Open House #1 Notice.	November 30, 2023	Email
	Fawn Sault	December 20, 2023	Email	I can chat with you about the EA but I want to make sure that DOCA is informed first. I wanted to wish you and Elizabeth Happy Holidays and look forward to continue working with you as a Councillor for the next two years.	We sent the Notice of Commencement letter to DOCA (Mark) as well as Major Project (Casey) and Chief. We haven't heard back but no worries, we know the community has been busy – we can follow up in January.	December 20, 2023	Email
	Fawn Sault	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	Happy 2024! Just a quick follow up to see if we can set up a meeting with DOCA or Major Projects in the near future to introduce the project, discuss consultation expectations and answer any questions.	January 18, 2024	Email
	Mark LaForme	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	Further to our Notice of Commencement of the Environmental Assessment for Phase 2 of our South Landfill (attached), our team is hoping to meet with DOCA to provide an introduction and overview of the Phase 2 project, the EA process, anticipated milestones and of course, answer any questions your team may have. Please let me know if there is a day/time that works best for you, or if you'd like me to propose a few dates.	February 13, 2024	Email
	Abby Lee	February 20, 2024	Email	MCFN DOCA is interested in a virtual meeting with you and your team to discuss the Walker South Landfill Phase 2. MCFN DOCA has available times on the following dates: March 4, 5, 8, 18, 20, 22- 9am – 12pm & 1pm- 4pm Please indicate if any of the above times are suitable for you and your team.	A meeting was scheduled for March 18, 2024, via phone call.	February 29, 2024	Phone
	Fawn Sault	March 5, 2024	Email	Have you met with DOCA regarding this file? If not, we can set a meeting. I also need to chat with you regarding the compost, trees, and bushes for spring and also for Powwow.	I recently connected with Abby Lee from DOCA and we've scheduled a meeting for Monday, March 18th (10:00 – 11:00 AM) to discuss our South Landfill Phase 2 project. If you are available on this date, we can extend this meeting to chat about compost, trees, and bushes for spring, and the Powwow. Alternatively, we would be happy to meet with you on another date/time. A quick update on our South Landfill Phase 2 project – we will be releasing a draft Terms of Reference (ToR) for the Environmental Assessment (EA) this Thursday, March 7th. The ToR is the initial step in the EA process and serves as the roadmap for what will be studied in the EA and outlines the consultation activities that will take place. This document will be available for review and comment until April 22nd, 2024. I will include you on the correspondence to DOCA planned for this Thursday, which will include a link to the documentation.	March 5, 2024	Email
	Fawn Sault	March 5, 2024	Email	Miigwech for the invite Elizabeth. I am available from 1130 -1 or after 3pm. Let me know if you want to chat then. I trust Abby to handle the Landfill project and if she needs me she will reach out so we can just focus on my pillar activities and powwow.	Wonderful – I will send along a meeting invitation for 11:30am – 12:30pm. Will 1 hour be sufficient? A meeting was scheduled for March 18, 2024.	March 5, 2024	Email
	Mark LaForme, Abby LaForme, Craig King	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	Thank you again for hosting us at your office earlier this week – it was a pleasure meeting your team. I have attached a copy of the slide deck for your reference and prepared a brief meeting summary for your review.	March 20, 2024	Email

Indigenous Community	Contact Name	Comment Date	Method	Comments from Indigenous Communities	Walker Response	Response Date	Method
					Please feel free to reach out at any time if you have questions or comments regarding the proposal. As noted in the meeting, we will be sure to keep you apprised on key project milestones.		
	Mark LaForme, Abby LaForme, Craig King	March 21, 2024	Email	It was absolutely our pleasure. We're so glad you would take time out of your day to join us in the community for a meeting. Thank you for sharing the slide deck but thank you especially for the meeting summary, it's much appreciated. I will be connecting Darren and yourself with Dion Willier, the President and CEO of the MCFN Business Development Corporation to see if there are any synergies you can build on. Also, as with you, if you have any questions of us, please don't hesitate to reach out.	<i>No response required.</i>	N.A.	N.A.
	Abby LaForme, Mark LaForme, Fawn Sault	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	This email is to notify you that the draft Terms of Reference (ToR) for the South Landfill Phase 2 Environmental Assessment (EA) is now available for review and comment from Government Review Agencies, Indigenous communities and agencies, the public, and other interested persons. The attached includes a cover letter with additional details. The draft ToR documentation can be accessed via the project website at southlandfillphase2.com or downloaded by clicking this LINK. The documentation includes three (3) files as described below: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Draft Terms of Reference – 2024.03.07; - Draft Terms of Reference – Supporting Document – 2024.03.07; and - Draft Terms of Reference – Record of Consultation – 2024.03.07 <p>** Note: The link will be active for 12 days from the date of this email. **</p> <p>We ask that comments on the draft ToR be submitted directly to info@southlandfillphase2.com by April 22, 2024.</p> <p>Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to our team.</p>	March 7, 2024	Email
	Craig King	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	I'm reaching out in regard to the Draft Terms of Reference for the South Landfill Phase 2 Environmental Assessment, which was made publicly available and shared with DOCA on March 7, 2024. The public comment period on the document concluded this Monday, April 22nd and I wanted to touch base to see whether we can expect any comments from your team. Please feel free to give me a call if you have any questions.	April 24, 2024	Email
	Craig King, Abby LaForme, Mark LaForme	May 1, 2024	Email	Apologies for the late response, I have consulted with my co-workers and we have no comments pertaining to the draft Terms of Reference for the South Landfill Phase 2 Environmental Assessment at this time. Please continue to keep us informed of potential Business opportunities as they present themselves in the future.	Thanks for following up on the Draft Terms of Reference. We'll continue to keep you informed at key milestones and will be available to answer questions anytime, feel free to reach out. Additionally, if you're down this way (Niagara) or would like to schedule a tour of our Campus – just let me or Elizabeth know – we'd love to show you around. I did reach to Dion and welcome a meeting to discuss economic development opportunities.	May 2, 2024	Email
Six Nations of the Grand River – Elected Council	Sherri-Lyn Hill-Pierce, Peter Graham, Dawn Russell, Lonny Bomberry	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	This email is to notify you that Walker Environmental Group (Waker) is initiating an Environmental Assessment under the Environmental Assessment Act to develop the next phase (Phase 2) of our South Landfill in Niagara Falls, Ontario. Attached is a letter providing further information, including the Notice of Commencement of a Terms of Reference and Open House #1 Notice.	November 30, 2023	Email

Indigenous Community	Contact Name	Comment Date	Method	Comments from Indigenous Communities	Walker Response	Response Date	Method
					<i>A meeting was scheduled for January 16, 2024.</i>		
	Lauren Vanderlingen, Lauren Jones	January 17, 2024	Email	<p>I've attached our draft plant list for you and whomever it may concern to review. I hope it proves to be a valuable resource for Walker when completing Environmental Assessments/species lists, making decisions for future site locations, and for site restoration purposes.</p> <p>I just wanted to highlight the precautionary statement that is at the top of the chart: The chart is a "best approximation" of plant species that may be of interest and importance to the community of Six Nations. This is intended to be a living document. It should not be considered a complete guide or sole reference when considering traditional plant species. Please consult additional reputable resources to ensure correct identification of species in the field. It is still in draft form, pending more input from the community.</p> <p>This list should not be made public, but rather kept for internal reference and decision making.</p> <p>Thank you for meeting with the Six Nations team to discuss the landfill expansion and hearing our concerns. We hope to continue having these discussions and building a strong relationship with your team.</p>	<p>On behalf of Elizabeth and Blair (GHD), thank you for the plant list and for your time to meet with us yesterday. Unfortunately I could not attend, I developed some cold symptoms/loss of voice on my drive to the community and turned around.</p> <p>Quick question - are we able to share this document with our natural science and ecology consultant (they are under confidentiality agreement). I'll also share it with our internal Lands and Resources team as we own/manage hundreds of acres of woodlots on buffer lands, rehabilitated lands and properties. It's a very valuable document.</p> <p>As a quick side note – we've worked with Kayanase in the past where we've donated Carolinian saplings that were removed from a constructed wetland treatment system we built and operate for the City of Thorold. The saplings were risking plugging the system and we didn't want to discard them – I believe the Kayanase team removed over 100 saplings for stock at the nursery.</p> <p>We're considering developing a nursery/seed harvesting project here at Walker for regionally native species to help ensure we have access to stock for our planting/re-planting/rehabilitation projects. If there is interest in working together on this let me know – we're only at the conceptual stage and are looking for project partners.</p> <p>Elizabeth and I will review the discussion, questions and input from yesterday's meeting and provide additional responses/clarity if needed.</p> <p>We look forward to working with you and hope to host the CAP to our Campus in the Spring or sooner as we build our relationship.</p>	January 17, 2024	Email
	Peter Graham	January 18, 2024	Email	<p>Thank you for making the safe decision. I wish more people would. We were fully satisfied with your team's introduction of the project.</p> <p>Thanks for the suggestions and updates. An early March meeting make sense. Dawn's returned to work, so she'll be able to schedule. Yes, I'm your key contact.</p>	<p>First – my apologies for not being able to attend the meeting on Tuesday. I began developing some cold symptoms while on my drive and as a precaution, decided to not enter the community/attend. I trust my colleagues Elizabeth and Blair were able to introduce the project, signal our intention to work closely with the SNEC/CAP team and address questions.</p> <p>As a follow-up to the meeting, I'd like to provide a simple meeting summary with the questions asked and brief responses (some will be expanded as Elizabeth wasn't able to fully answer some of them). I can send a draft over for your review next week.</p> <p>I would also like to schedule our next meeting for early in March as we expect to have a Draft Terms of Reference ready by mid-March. We would be happy to review key elements of it with the CAP team and ensure we have billing information/details for the accommodation process that will follow as we work together on this EA. We can also discuss setting a date for a Campus Tour (inc. the Uppers Quarry project site too).</p> <p>On that note – I did relay feedback the CAP team shared regarding the Uppers project with my colleague/Project Manager Kevin Kehl. He said he will be following up with you shortly to provide an update on the status of the project/responses to the CAP teams comments.</p>	January 18, 2024	Email

Indigenous Community	Contact Name	Comment Date	Method	Comments from Indigenous Communities	Walker Response	Response Date	Method
					Lastly – will you be the key point of contact on the CAP team? I've copied you on a correspondence from Lauren and our response from yesterday to keep you in the loop.		
	Dawn Russell	January 24, 2024	Email	<p>On behalf of Six Nations of the Grand River Elected Council (SNGREC) Lands and Resources Department Consultation and Accommodation Process (CAP) Team we are available to engage in further discussion:</p> <p>Wednesday, February 7th at 1:30pm Friday, March 15th at 1:30pm Tuesday, March 19th at 10am</p> <p>Please advise what works best for you at your earliest convenience and define your preference for an in-person or virtual meeting. If the latter please send an invitation to confirm.</p>	<p>We are available to meet on Wednesday, February 7 at 1:30 pm for an in-person meeting at your office.</p> <p>Would you like me to send out an official meeting invite?</p> <p>Six Nations of the Grand River sent Walker a meeting request for February 7, 2024</p>	February 2, 2024	Email
	Peter Graham	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	<p>Attached are some draft notes from our discussion on Jan. 16th. Please feel free to review and make sure we've captured the dialogue and questions correctly; happy to make any suggested edits.</p> <p>As discussed, we'd like to schedule a follow-up meeting in mid-late Feb. if possible with a focus on closing out actions from the previous meeting, discussing the draft Terms of Reference in advance of its public release and build on the engagement/consultation discussion. I think 1 hour would be sufficient.</p> <p>We can propose some dates or, if you would like to check with your team first, whatever works best.</p>	January 30, 2024	Email
		February 2, 2024	Email	<p>Looks good. Just change Daylen Hill to Daylon Gee, Land Use Technician.</p> <p>Yes, an hour seems sufficient for that. I'll have Dawn reach out to schedule a meeting.</p>	The notes have been revised to reflect this edit.	February 2, 2024	Email
	Dawn Russel, Lonny Bomberry, Tayler Hill, Tanya Hill-Montour, Peter Graham, Daylon Gee, Lauren Jones, Lauren Vanderlingen	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	<p>Kindly find attached the proposed agenda for tomorrow's meeting.</p> <p>Please let me know if you'd like me to add any additional items for discussion.</p>	February 6, 2024	Email
	Dawn Russel, Lonny Bomberry, Tayler Hill, Tanya Hill-Montour, Peter Graham, Daylon Gee, Lauren Jones,	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	<p>Please find attached the notes from our February 7, 2024, meeting.</p> <p>If you have any questions or comments upon your review of the attached, please do not hesitate to reach out.</p>	February 20, 2024	Email

Indigenous Community	Contact Name	Comment Date	Method	Comments from Indigenous Communities	Walker Response	Response Date	Method
	Lauren Vanderlingen						
	Peter Graham	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	As discussed in our last meeting, we will be releasing a draft of the Terms of Reference for South Landfill Phase 2 next Thursday, March 7th. Ahead of the release, I wanted to confirm who, in addition to yourself, should be receiving this document. Additionally, would you like us to provide any hardcopies?	February 28, 2024	Email
		February 28, 2024	Email	Thank you for asking. Please also send the document to our Laurens (laurenjones@sixnations.ca; wsma@sixnations.ca. We don't need hardcopies.	<i>Email acknowledged.</i>	February 28, 2024	Email
	Peter Graham, Lauren Jones, Lauren Vanderlingen	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	This email is to notify you that the draft Terms of Reference (ToR) for the South Landfill Phase 2 Environmental Assessment (EA) is now available for review and comment from Government Review Agencies, Indigenous communities and agencies, the public, and other interested persons. The attached includes a cover letter with additional details. The draft ToR documentation can be accessed via the project website at southlandfillphase2.com or downloaded by clicking this LINK. The documentation includes three (3) files as described below: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Draft Terms of Reference – 2024.03.07; - Draft Terms of Reference – Supporting Document – 2024.03.07; and - Draft Terms of Reference – Record of Consultation – 2024.03.07 <p>** Note: The link will be active for 12 days from the date of this email. **</p> <p>We ask that comments on the draft ToR be submitted directly to info@southlandfillphase2.com by April 22, 2024.</p> <p>Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to our team.</p>	March 3, 2024	Email
	Peter Graham	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	I'm reaching out as it's been a few weeks since the release of the draft Terms of Reference for our South Landfill Phase 2 project and I wanted to check in to see whether you and/or your team had any initial questions, comments, or feedback on the document. Happy to chat over the phone or schedule a follow-up meeting if needed.	March 27, 2024	Email
	Peter Graham	April 2, 2024	Email	Our wildlife office is asking if there's any flexibility with the deadline. I'm guessing they'd like it two weeks later. Please let me know.	While we won't be extending the comment deadline for the general public, we're happy to accommodate your team's request. Our goal is to submit a Final ToR to the MECP by the end of May. If we can help facilitate your team's review in any way (i.e., meet with wildlife office and walk through any questions/comments together), please let us know.	April 9, 2024	Email
	Peter Graham, Lauren Jones, Lauren Vanderlingen	May 14, 2024	Email	The Six Nations Wildlife and Stewardship office has reviewed the Draft Terms of Reference for the South Landfill Phase 2 expansion. The attached document contains our comments. Thank you for meeting with the Six Nations CAP team and receiving our input on this document. Additionally, I have attached the Six Nations Wildlife and Stewardship Office's Draft Plant List. I hope it proves to be a valuable resource for Walker when looking	Thank you for the insightful and detailed comments on the draft Terms of Reference (ToR) for Phase 2 of the South Landfill. We are carefully reviewing your comments, preparing responses and incorporating this input into the ToR. When we last met, we discussed hosting a site tour of our existing Resource Management Campus and proposed Phase 2 site when the weather warms up. We would like to see if you and other CAP team members would be interested. We could tour the Campus, enjoy lunch together and then have a general discussion on key themes arising from your comments. While we are preparing detailed responses to each comment, I think a tour and discussion would provide additional context, help answer key questions, capture more	May 22, 2024	Email

Indigenous Community	Contact Name	Comment Date	Method	Comments from Indigenous Communities	Walker Response	Response Date	Method
				<p>to complete Environmental Assessments/species lists, when making decisions for future site locations, and for site plantings or restoration purposes.</p> <p>I just wanted to highlight the precautionary statement that is at the top of the chart:</p> <p>The chart is a "best approximation" of plant species that may be of interest and importance to the community of Six Nations. This is intended to be a living document. It should not be considered a complete guide or sole reference when considering traditional plant species. Please consult additional reputable resources to ensure correct identification of species in the field. It is still in draft form, pending more input from the community.</p> <p>This list should not be made public, but rather kept for internal reference and decision making.</p> <p>If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to reach out. We look forward to the response from you and your team and continuing to build a strong relationship with the Walker team.</p>	<p>information/ideas on opportunities and further incorporate Indigenous perspective into the project (and our current operations).</p> <p>Let me know. Walker will accommodate CAP members for their time and mileage.</p> <p><i>Receipt of email was acknowledged on May 22, 2024.</i></p>		
	Laura Vanderlingen, Peter Graham	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	<p>Thank you for providing your comments on the Terms of Reference (ToR) and specifically sharing your views on how Walker can incorporate increased Indigenous Perspective (IP) as we work through the planning process and look to develop the next phase of our South Landfill (Phase 2). We appreciate the time and resources you've dedicated to providing this valuable feedback.</p> <p>We have carefully reviewed your comments and have updated the ToR to reflect your input, as appropriate.</p> <p>To demonstrate how input from Six Nations Elected Council, Consultation & Accommodation Process (CAP) Team and Wildlife and Stewardship Office (SNWSO) was considered, attached to this email you will find a table with your comments, Walker's responses, and references to where the ToR has been updated, if applicable. We ask that you kindly confirm receipt of this document and let us know if you have any further comments or questions.</p> <p>We've attempted to address the general questions around how our facilities operate, protect the environment and what Walker is already doing to naturalize lands in and around our Campus in the response table. To build on this dialogue, we wish to offer a site visit to our Campus/existing South Landfill as this will provide an opportunity to better understand any questions that may require further discussion as well as provide a transparent and working example of how we operate our facilities. I know your office is currently in the process of looking to schedule this visit – we just wanted to re-extend that offer.</p> <p>At this time, Walker is preparing the final ToR for submission to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) in the coming weeks. We will be notifying you and providing the final documents in advance of the submission date. All interested members of the public, Indigenous communities, the government review team will also be informed. Additionally, we will be issuing a Notice of Submission in local newspapers and hard copies of the ToR documents will be available for viewing at public locations locally. This submission will include a 30-day public review and comment period, where interested parties can submit comments directly to the MECP.</p>	June 17, 2024	Email

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					<p>In consideration of the environment, we will be sending you digital copies of the ToR and supporting documents. If you would prefer hard copies couriered to your office, please let me know.</p> <p>Thanks again and we look forward to continuing to work with SNEC CAP/SNWSO on this project.</p>		
	Laura Vanderlingen, Peter Graham	June 17, 2024	Email	Thank you. Lauren will let you know if she has additional comments on the TOR. Regarding #6, I've asked my colleague Dawn Russell to connect with you for scheduling.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Six Nations of the Grand River – Haudenosaunee Development Institute	Todd Williams	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	<p>This email is to notify you that Walker Environmental Group (Waker) is initiating an Environmental Assessment under the Environmental Assessment Act to develop the next phase (Phase 2) of our South Landfill in Niagara Falls, Ontario.</p> <p>Attached is a letter providing further information, including the Notice of Commencement of a Terms of Reference and Open House #1 Notice.</p>	November 30, 2023	Email
	Todd Williams	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	<p>My name is Darren Fry and I am the Project Manager for Walker's Environmental Assessment for the continuation (Phase 2) of its existing landfill in Niagara Falls. On Nov. 30th we provided a Notice of Commencement for the EA with a commitment to follow up and request a meeting to introduce the project and discuss engagement and consultation with HDI.</p> <p>If you can kindly provide a few dates for an introductory meeting, we will happily coordinate on our end.</p> <p>I've provided a copy of the Notice for your reference which includes a link to the project website for more details.</p> <p>If you have any additional questions, please feel free to contact me anytime.</p>	January 18, 2024	Email
	Todd Williams	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	<p>I am reaching out to follow-up on the below regarding Walker's South Landfill Phase 2 project and to inform you that we are soon approaching the next milestone for this project – the release of a draft Terms of Reference (ToR) for public review and comment, scheduled for March 7th.</p> <p>An email will be sent next week with a link to access this document. The comment period for the ToR is set to close on April 22nd, 2024. We value your feedback and encourage your participation in this process to ensure your input is incorporated into the final ToR.</p> <p>Please let us know who at your organization should be included on the distribution list for this document, and whether you would like a mailed hardcopy.</p> <p>Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at 289-257-1680.</p>	February 28, 2024	Email
	Todd Williams	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	<p>This email is to notify you that the draft Terms of Reference (ToR) for the South Landfill Phase 2 Environmental Assessment (EA) is now available for review and comment from Government Review Agencies, Indigenous communities and agencies, the public, and other interested persons. The attached includes a cover letter with additional details.</p>	March 7, 2024	Email

Indigenous Community	Contact Name	Comment Date	Method	Comments from Indigenous Communities	Walker Response	Response Date	Method
					<p>The draft ToR documentation can be accessed via the project website at southlandfillphase2.com or downloaded by clicking this LINK. The documentation includes three (3) files as described below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Draft Terms of Reference – 2024.03.07; - Draft Terms of Reference – Supporting Document – 2024.03.07; and - Draft Terms of Reference – Record of Consultation – 2024.03.07 <p>** Note: The link will be active for 12 days from the date of this email. **</p> <p>We ask that comments on the draft ToR be submitted directly to info@southlandfillphase2.com by April 22, 2024.</p> <p>Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to our team.</p>		
Métis Nation of Ontario	Derrick Pont, Peter Rivers	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	<p>I'm reaching out to let you know that we're beginning the planning process to extend the life of our current landfill through the development of the next phase (Phase 2). With only 8 years of capacity remaining, its important we start this process to ensure Niagara continues to have access to safe and reliable waste disposal services.</p> <p>Here is the link to the project website with lots of information available (www.southlandfillphase2.com).</p> <p>I'm hoping we can organize a call in the near future. Let me know some dates that work for you.</p>	November 30, 2023	Email
	Derrick Pont, Peter Rivers	December 4, 2023	Email	<p>The Niagara Region Metis Council would be interested in the update from Walker. South Landfill - Phase 2. It seems like it was only a few years ago when this landfill first opened.</p> <p>Peter, I have included the other President in Region 9 to see if they also have an interest.</p>	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
	Derrick Pont	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	<p>Given Walker's longstanding relationship with the Niagara Region Metis Council here in Niagara, I wanted to let you know we've released a Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) for Phase 2 of our South Landfill. The Terms of Reference (ToR) can be accessed through our project website at southlandfillphase2.com and we're accepting comments on the Draft ToR until April 22nd.</p> <p>As you may recall, on November 30, 2023, Waker announced the start of the planning process to develop the next phase of its South Landfill in Niagara Falls and initiated an Environmental Assessment (EA) under the Environmental Assessment Act. The ToR is the first step in the EA process and serves as the roadmap for what will be studied and the consultation activities that will take place during the following EA step.</p> <p>If you have any questions or would like to set up a time to meet, let me know. I'd be happy to catch up with you for a coffee and discuss the project more detail.</p>	March 11, 2024	Email
	Derrick Pont	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	<p><i>Summary of Conversation:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Overview of EA Process/Timing - Informed that the Province did not delegate the duty to consult with MNO - MNO confirmed and noted they do not have communities (historically) in this part of Ontario. Discussion with new Region 9 Council (post May 7) will further explore how Region 9 engages with proponents. 	April 12, 2024	Phone Call

Indigenous Community	Contact Name	Comment Date	Method	Comments from Indigenous Communities	Walker Response	Response Date	Method
					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Niagara Region Metis Council (NRMC) seeks to be kept aware of the project and wants to continue its working relationship with Walker. - Walker confirmed and will continue to keep NRMC informed on the EA. 		
Niagara Regional Native Centre	Phil Davis, Dawn Moughtin	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	<p>This email is to notify you that Walker Environmental Group (Waker) is initiating an Environmental Assessment under the Environmental Assessment Act to develop the next phase (Phase 2) of our South Landfill in Niagara Falls, Ontario.</p> <p>Attached is a letter providing further information, including the Notice of Commencement of a Terms of Reference and Open House #1 Notice.</p>	November 30, 2023	Email
	Phil Davis	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	<p>As a follow-up to our discussion, I've forwarded along the notice I sent at the end of November 2023 regarding the official launch of our project (attached).</p> <p>We'd love to arrange a meeting with you and other interested NRNC staff to introduce the project, provide an overview of the Environmental Assessment process, discuss next steps and, of course, answer any questions you may have.</p> <p>I will give you a call on Friday when you are back from your conference in Toronto to schedule a date/time to meet.</p>	February 14, 2024	Email
	Phil Davis	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	<p>We are reaching out to provide an update on our South Landfill Phase 2 project. As you may recall, on November 30, 2023, Waker announced the start of the planning process to develop the next phase of its South Landfill in Niagara Falls and initiated an Environmental Assessment (EA) under the Environmental Assessment Act.</p> <p>We are pleased to share that a draft Terms of Reference (ToR) is now available for public review and comment and can be accessed through our project website at southlandfillphase2.com.</p> <p>The ToR is the first step in the EA process and serves as the roadmap for what will be studied and the consultation activities that will take place during the following EA step. Please review the attached letter for additional details.</p> <p>We look forward to receiving your feedback on the draft ToR. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to connect with us at any time.</p>	March 7, 2024	Email

Table 5.3 Summary of comments received from the public and their consideration

Contact Name	Comment Date	Method	Comments Received	Walker Response	Response Date	Method	
All members of the public including local businesses, community partners, and associations, as listed in Appendix A	Walker provided Notice of Commencement of a Terms of Reference and Open House #1 on November 30, 2023				November 30, 2023	Email, mail	
	Walker provided notification of the release of the draft ToR availability for review on March 7, 2024.				March 7, 2024	Email, mail	
Niagara Federation of Agriculture	Maryanne Mous	March 19, 2024	Email	My name is Maryanne Mous and I am the new administrator for the Niagara Federation of Agriculture. The Board is wondering if you would be interested in coming to our May meeting, which is held at the RittenHouse Hall in Vineland at 7PM to give a presentation on what all is happening. If you could please let me know that would be great.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
	Maryanne Mous	April 6, 2024	Email	Just touching base to see if you received my previous email. We are wondering if you could join us and give us a presentation on the land fill projects at our May board meeting. Please let me know if you are able to attend.	My apologies for not responding earlier (I thought I had). We would be pleased to speak to the NFA Board at the May meeting. Can you let me know the date and any other details (do you require a presentation, etc.). Walker representatives attended and presented at a meeting of the NFA Board on May 8.	April 9, 2024	Email
	Maryanne Mous	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	On behalf of Darren and I, thank you for hosting us at NFA's board meeting on Wednesday and providing us with the opportunity to share our plans for the next phase of the South Landfill. We really enjoyed the discussion from the group! We would like to extend an invitation to the board to join us at our Niagara Resource Management Campus for a tour of our facilities this summer. If there is interest, please let me know if there is a date/time that would work best for the group.	May 10, 2024	Email
	Maryanne Mous	May 14, 2024	Emai	Thank you so much for your presentation. It was full of interesting information and facts. I will pass on the information about the tour with the board and let you know. I am sure they would love to take a tour.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.

Summary of comments from individual members of the public						
Topic	Summary of Comments Received			Walker Response		
Existing Campus Operations	Range of feedback on existing Campus operations ranging from support of Walker's community litter clean-up efforts and improved blast techniques to feedback on occasional nuisance impacts such as dust, noise, odour, and visual.			Walker has shared this feedback with Campus operations for follow-up.		
EA Process, Accountability, Monitoring	Clarification sought on EA process timelines and timing of future public events			Walker updated its project website to include approximate timelines for key project milestones (www.southlandfillphase2.com).		
	Public assurance required that the assessment, evaluation, and monitoring activities are actually carried out as stated			The Terms of Reference (ToR), once approved by the Minister of the Environment, is a very important document in the Environmental Assessment (EA) process. It becomes a series of commitments (i.e., evaluation, assessment, and monitoring methodologies) that Walker must satisfy throughout the course of EA. If Walker fails to meet the requirements set out in the ToR once approved, the Final EA Report will be rejected by the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP). Additionally, as part of the Final EA Report, Walker will produce a table that illustrates how the commitments made in the ToR were satisfied. Based on your feedback, we'll ensure this table clearly demonstrates (i.e. easy to understand, references where the reader can find the required information) to the public that Walker has fulfilled the commitments.		
Open House #1 Event Feedback	Attendees expressed that materials presented were helpful in describing the project and that the event was accessible.			Walker will incorporate this feedback into the design of future public information sessions.		
Project Location	Provide larger maps on the proposed location of Phase 2 (i.e., the map in the Notice of Commencement was hard to read).			Walker will incorporate this feedback into future project visual aids/maps/Notices.		

Need for Future Niagara Disposal Capacity	Businesses and residents expressed support for the provision of future waste disposal capacity in Niagara Region	The South Landfill Phase 2 will manage waste generated in Niagara as a first priority to ensure disposal capacity for the local community for the next 20 years.
Waste Type	Will South Landfill Phase 2 accept waste from outside of Niagara?	The South Landfill Phase 2 will manage waste generated in Niagara as a first priority to ensure disposal capacity for the local community. Walker is proposing a service area of Ontario to provide flexibility/contingency (e.g., a natural disaster such as tornado in an adjacent municipality).
	Concerns about toxic or near-toxic materials, including Durham Region's 'fly ash', which is classified as 'non-hazardous.' Emphasize the need for independent third-party testing for substances like mercury, arsenic, copper, and chromium within the LSA to ensure safety and assess potential risks.	Stabilized fly ash from the Durham York Energy Centre (DYEC) that is accepted at our South Landfill (Phase 1) is analyzed by independent, third parties (i.e., qualified professionals and accredited laboratories) using MECP approved methodologies. The analysis conducted currently includes mercury, arsenic, and chromium. Additional information on the DYEC Ash Sampling and Testing Protocol can be found here. This protocol meets Walker's solid, non-hazardous waste acceptance criteria set out in the Environmental Compliance Approval as required by the MECP.
Incineration	Is incineration planned as part of the South Landfill Phase 2 project?	Walker is not considering incineration as part of this EA.
Utilization of Landfill Gas, RNG, Low Carbon Alternate Fuels, GHG and Other Emissions	Supportive of renewable energy generation from landfill gas. Will Phase 2 produce renewable energy?	As part of this EA, Walker will be exploring how landfill gas produced from Phase 2 can be incorporated into the existing landfill gas utilization facility at the Walker Campus.
	Query as to whether any of the RNG is converted into compressed natural gas (CNG) or liquefied natural gas (LNG) that can be transported locally without the need for pipelines.	All RNG is currently delivered into the local Enbridge gas distribution network. If a consumer isn't near a pipeline – it is technically possible to compress our RNG and truck it to that location. However, Walker does not currently have the compression ability (e.g. 3,600 psig). LNG requires a further step (cryogenic) which is not currently available onsite.
	Request for information about low carbon alternative fuels from wood, and whether Walker has greenhouse customers.	Walker's Low Carbon Alt-Fuels (LCAF) are produced using wood (biomass) that was destined for the landfill. Suitable wood is diverted/seggregated and processed into different sized products that are used in steel mills and coke ovens to displace coal use. We don't pelletize, rather grind to specific dimensions depending on the application.
	Concerns about Walker's emissions of methane and other VOCs that are not captured as RNG.	Walker has been actively capturing landfill gas, converting it into renewable energy sources, and displacing non-renewable energy sources for over 20 years in Niagara. First, we are closely following the federal government's proposed landfill methane regulations. While these regulations largely focus on landfills without gas collection systems, it will also ensure modern and progressive sites like Walker's are minimizing methane emissions. To further reduce any methane emissions from our site, we have been working closely with leading academic institutions and conducting research on advanced remote methane sensing techniques (i.e., drones) to improve monitoring, as well as the development of enhanced landfill cap designs that oxidize any methane that attempts to escape from the landfill. Secondly, any methane that escapes into the atmosphere is a lost economic opportunity for Walker and the community. The methane we capture is turned into renewable energy that is used to: - produce Renewable Natural Gas (RNG) and sell it into the Enbridge distribution network - generate renewable electricity to power Walker's Campus and sell it into the Niagara Peninsula Energy system, and - deliver energy to the GM Glendale Plant to provide heat and electricity to this facility Capturing methane forms a large component of our business and we, along with our community partners, are aligned in maximizing the collection of methane generated in our landfill to generate renewable energy.
Odour	Will there be more odour present in the community?	The Atmospheric Environment Impact Assessment will include an odour assessment (see Appendix C-3).
Leachate	Concern about preventing leachate from impacting the 10 Mile Creek	Landfill design measures including the landfill liner, leachate collection system, and landfill cap will prevent leachate from coming into contact with 10 Mile Creek. The Surface Water Impact Assessment will include a water quality impact assessment of the 10 Mile Creek (see Appendix C-2).
	Concern that the liner in the landfill may not effectively prevent contamination of water and soil from leaching landfill liquids, potentially polluting existing groundwater, surface water, and land.	Ontario has very strict regulations that protect surface and groundwater. Specifically, O. Reg. 232/98 requires landfills to include liner systems that are fully protective of the environment. Information on the liner system design that is currently used at Walker's South Landfill Phase 1 can be found on our project website (link). The design and construction quality assurance (i.e., monitoring and testing during liner installation) of the liner system is carried out by independent third parties. Proof of this independent oversight is provided to the MECP before a landfill is approved to receive any waste. Further, independent third parties provide annual monitoring (i.e., surface water and groundwater monitoring) in and around the landfill site. These results are published in an Annual Monitoring Report which is submitted to the MECP for review.
Blasting	Concerns about blasting were raised.	The current proposed undertaking does not anticipate any sources of blasting with the landfilling operations. The concern was brought to the attention of the Walker quarry team.

Traffic	Will traffic patterns change in the community?	The Transportation Impact Assessment will evaluate changes in traffic patterns in the local community (see Appendix C-7).
Site Rehabilitation & Naturalization	Recommendations to increase tree plantings around this site, specifically evergreens and regionally native species. Recommendations to improve wildlife corridors/connectivity of natural spaces on buffer lands surrounding the Walker Campus.	Walker will consider this input as part of the mitigation, community benefits, and end-use elements of this EA.
Southeast Quarry's Current Agricultural Rehabilitation Plan (End-use)	Interest in the existing rehabilitation plan for the Southeast Quarry	Walker will assess agricultural impacts as part of the Agricultural Impact Assessment (see Appendix C-6). Walker will evaluate end use options for the South Landfill Phase 2 including an agricultural end use.
10 Mile Creek Trail Reopening	Inquiry into the reopening of the 10 Mile Creek trail on Walker's Campus with enhancements/interpretive signage.	With construction of the RNG facility complete, Walker will be reopening the trail in the summer of 2024.
Hours of Operation	Will the operating hours for South Landfill Phase 2 change from the current operating hours of Phase 1?	Walker does not anticipate changing the operating hours; however, this EA will assess the impact of operating hours on things like traffic patterns, noise, etc.
Community Character	Will the community character change due to the development of Phase 2?	The Social Environment Impact Assessment will assess social impacts including changes to the local community characteristics (see Appendix C-8).
Community Benefits	Inquiries received from local residents about potential benefits of being a near neighbour to the Campus and proposed Phase 2 site location	Walker will look to enhance its existing annual Neighbour Appreciation BBQ/Campus Open House event by including free compost as well as identifying other opportunities via direct dialogue with neighbours. The EA will also identify impact mitigation and management recommendations as part of the overall effects assessment (see Section 7.2 of the ToR).
Partnership Opportunities	Inquiries about potential collaborative opportunities for environmental education and awareness (i.e., waste management, composting, etc.)	Walker expressed interest and scheduled meetings to further discuss environmental education and awareness collaboration opportunities with local educational institutions/community groups.
Economic Opportunities	Inquiries into the jobs and continued economic opportunities in the local community.	The Economic Environment Impact Assessment will identify the economic impacts to the local community (Niagara Region) and Province overall (see Appendix C-9).
	Inquiry about whether there will be job opportunities associated with Phase 2 and/or if there are current positions available at Walker.	Walker directed the inquiry to the landing page where current opportunities are posted on the company website: https://walkerind.com/current-opportunities/ . Walker provides a range of careers and is always on the lookout for new candidates.
Property Value Protection	Concern regarding potential loss of property value	The Economic Environment Impact Assessment will include a property value impact assessment (see Appendix C-9).
Communication with Walker	Community members requested increased communication from Walker in the community	Walker will incorporate this input into the EA and existing Campus operations.
Community Liaison Committee	Will Walker be establishing a Community Liaison Committee for this EA?	Walker will attempt to establish a Community Liaison Committee during the EA stage as noted in Section 9.2.2 - Proposed Consultation Activities of the ToR.
Overall Project Feedback	Open House #1 attendees provided positive feedback on the project, stating that they are not concerned with the proposal.	Walker will consider this feedback as part of the EA.